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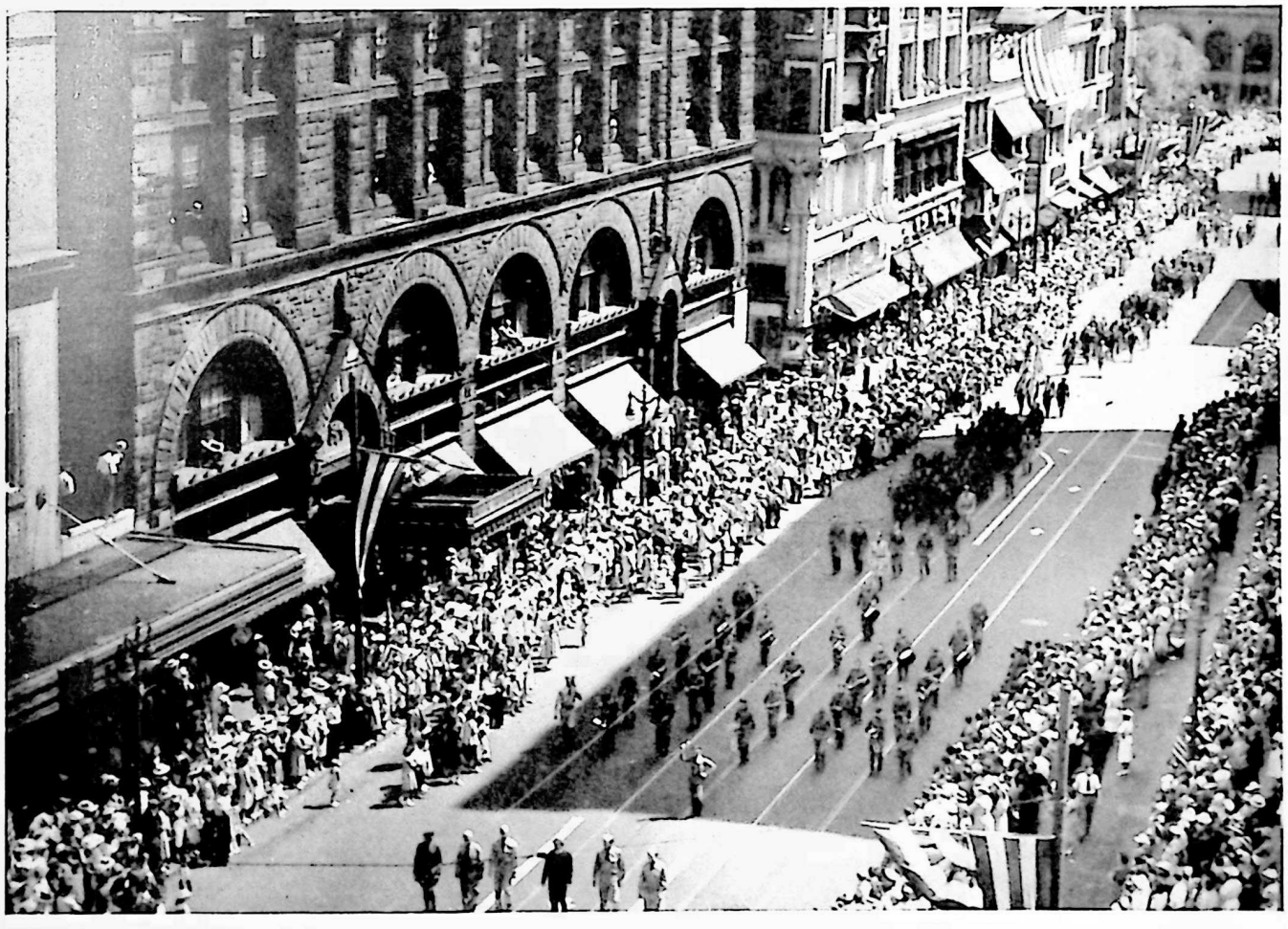

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THIS NUMBER

Following the custom of many years, this issue, although called the August Number, is timed to span the two mid-summer months of July and August, thus appearing early in August rather than in the latter part of the month.

It is felt that certain apologies are in order. Of course, the principal part of the issue is devoted to covering the events of the Twentieth Annual Convention at Hartford. But this year, for the first time on record, your editor was absent from the Convention because of ill health. That isn't to say that the reports printed here, written by others aren't every bit as good. But it is too much to ask any one man to write up the whole story of ALL angles of the Convention. Consequently, we have it here from the viewpoint of different ones — which after all, may be the best way to have it.

The official minutes of the business meetings were taken in short-hand by BILL ALLEN, under the direction of acting Secretary GUY WATTS. The story of the Sunday morning Memorial Mass is written by Father TEMPLE, Past National Chaplain, who officiated. JOHNNY GOSS, National Historian, has written a running description. Most of the other accounts are taken from the Hartford newspapers, the *Times* and the *Courant*, to both of which YANKEE DOINGS pays humble tribute for a grand job of reporting. To these sources, the only one to be added is your editor's own second-hand comments, as told him by word of mouth by those who were fortunate enough to attend.

No attempt is made to cover all the side-lights and human interest angles the way the Hartford daily papers covered them. DOINGS hasn't the space to permit it. But as best we can, from a seat on the distant side-lines, with the help of all the information sent in, we'll try to tell all about it.

LOST !

Lost or strayed! The official 1935 New Haven National Convention movie film! Past Commander LEN MALONEY recalls loaning film to some Chapter for use at a meeting and the film has never been returned. Will the person who has the reel of film please notify Len at Box No. 17, New Haven, Connecticut.

FOUND !

One Victory Medal at Hartford during the Convention. Medal is at the YD Club of Boston.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

The following editorial appeared in the Fitchburg *Sentinel*, issue of June 22, 1939. DOINGS feels it is worthy of quoting in our own magazine:

Men of Certainty, Security

Two score or more of Yankee Division veterans in Fitchburg are planning to attend their annual convention to be held this year in Hartford, Conn. When the numbers are counted in the convention, at the military ball, or in the parade, Fitchburg will be found to have a large delegation. Among them, may be the mayor of the city, the president of the city council, the superintendent of the water department, and others associated with the political and civic life of the city.

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They will assemble for the dual purpose of keeping alive their faith to their dead comrades, and reviving the comradeship and fun of service days. They will not devote themselves overmuch to serious themes, but like the veterans of other World War organizations they will during the days before and after the convention not flee from certain inescapable thoughts and remembrances.

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For, with the world about them torn by bitterness and hatred and threats of new warfare, with men groping everywhere for new hope of certainty, and leaders of men trying desperately to re-fashion a feeling of security where security is lacking—with men raising their voices that our participation in the World War was a mistake and that we reaped only bad debts and costly lessons not too well learned—with all this surrounding them, the Yankee Division (YD) veterans, like their comrades in other service organizations, will possess a certain surety about

one thing: Nothing that has happened or ever will happen can rob them of the definite knowledge that they did what they felt was right and necessary. While others *look* for certainty, they *carry it about in their own hearts*, with the firm and abiding conviction that for at least once in their life they did what they could, the best they could. There was a need, and they offered to meet it to the best of their individual talents and capacities.

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Let the doubters scoff; let the debunkers have their day; they cannot prevail against the certainty and the security that the veterans carry as a protective cloak with them. For when all is said and done, there were ideals and principles and sacrifices and loyalties and devotions that no later interpretations or misinterpretations of history can diminish by one whit.

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With all the fun-making that attends these gatherings of veterans, there is one deeper meaning for all who do not participate. It is this: If today and tomorrow we all meet the needs of the hour as well as the men did in 1917-18, we will never have any regrets as to the outcome. History may record mistakes, historians may alter the meaning on the printed page, but whenever we act, today or tomorrow, in keeping with ideals, principles, loyalties, devotions, as did the men in 1917-18, and as did the nation, we shall march forward with a renewed sense of certainty and security.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

HARTFORD — JUNE 22, 23, 24, 25

THE HARTFORD CONVENTION

A SUMMARY

By John J. Goss, National Historian

"The YD takes the city by storm," the daily newspapers read. And it did just that. Never before has the city of Hartford experienced such a celebration as that of the YD Convention, June 22 to 25, 1939. And the question has been asked many times, "When will the YD meet again with their convention in Hartford?"

But the convention committee, happy at heart but tired of body, has not yet closed its books. With a few minor details the committee will rest in a short while.

To work with a committee that for nearly a year had met weekly with all its members present was a pleasure. And leadership can be the answer to happy endings.

For both the corporation president, CHARLES D. PERRY, and general chairman BENJAMIN A. BOURN, had just that. Every member put his shoulder to the wheel and their only thoughts were to make this convention a pleasant one for our YD buddies.

From the opening gong on Thursday, with the business session starting promptly at 2 p.m. in the ballroom of the Hotel Bond, things began to happen that did not stop until every buddy of the YD was on his way home. The soft-ball game at the Bulkley Stadium between Lowell Thomas' Nine Old Men and Col. MICHAEL A. CONNOR's All-Stars just kept the crowd in roars. Cleveland's patrol took the players away.

That evening, at the Bushnell Memorial, a How-Dy YD Show was given. ART NIELSEN, Chairman, gave a word of welcome. The Hartford Junior YD drum corps made its first appearance. Equipped less than four months with instruments and but a few hours with uniforms they received a tremendous ovation. Lowell Thomas and his gang, including Graham McNamee, Ted Shane, Heywood Broun and our own Ann Corio, (but she had her clothes on,) and Col. CONNOR. Mademoiselle from Armentieres was there. Or was she? I don't know. Heywood Broun spoke of his experiences as a war correspondent in France during the World War. Dr. Allen Stockdale, of the speakers' bureau, national manufacturers association was the principal speaker of the evening. During the World War, Dr. Stockdale served with the 2nd Division in France. He opened his talk with a barrage of words that had all the doughboys grabbing for their tin hats. That man never took a breath during the entire talk. (And we were worrying about a good speaker!) Several acts of vaudeville followed.

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Throughout the evening and into the wee hours of the morning the boys met and renewed acquaintances for there were many who had not met each other since their discharge.

On Friday morning at the convention meeting, Alderman James F. McCourt, representing Mayor Spellacy gave the welcome of the city and said, "The city is yours. If I didn't give it to you, you'd take it any way." Governor Baldwin was given a thundering welcome and gave the welcome from the state. The Governor stated that the New England states take pride in the Yankee Division. From their experience in the World War, the Governor continued, veterans have a deeper and more sincere knowledge of patriotism. They should continue to preach patriotism and Americanism. Col. Anson T. McCook, past department commander of the American Legion, Hartford, welcomed the YD as a private citizen.

That afternoon a YD Memorial Garden was dedicated at the Veterans Hospital in Newington. The presentation of the garden was made by National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER, and accepted by Major Thomas J. Bannigan, manager of the Veterans Facility.

A bronze plaque was dedicated which bears the words: "Long may it wave. Presented by the YD Veterans Association, Department of Connecticut, at National Convention, Hartford, June 22-25, 1939."

Groups of disabled veterans gathered on the terrace of the hospital while other veterans within heard through loud speakers the addresses by National Commander MILLER, State Department Commander RAYMOND B. KINCAID, Rev. DANIEL W. STRICKLAND, former captain of the 102nd Infantry, and the entertainment program by the New York Chapter, Women's Overseas Service League with songs that the boys heard 20 years ago in France, among whom were Mrs. G. Leonard Gold, Bunny Duncan, Mabelle Barreson, Blanche Seymour, Gene Palmer, Marcella Uhl, Bessie Leonard and Mrs. Francis Rogers who was the first entertainer to land in France. OTIS CULVER, a former vaudevillian and a member of the New York Chapter YD was in charge of the program. The Rev. DANIEL J. STRICKLAND gave the dedicatory address. Rev. THOMAS TEMPLE, Katonah, N. Y., National Chaplain gave the invocation. Rev. Harold C. Burdon, pronounced benediction. The Hartford YD Junior drum corps furnished the music. EDWARD W. O'MEARA was master of ceremonies.

A delegation of forty Gold Star Mothers were guests of the convention at the Show on Thursday evening. Friday noon a luncheon was given in their honor at the City Club and they were later taken to the Veterans Hospital for the dedication ceremonies. On Saturday they were seated on the reviewing stand to review the parade, and Sunday morning attended the Memorial Mass in the Shell in Bushnell Park.

A "horribles" parade that was the best yet held by the YD got under way about 6:30 as 50,000 people jammed the streets to watch this event. First prize went to the "Apremont Family" of the Pawtucket, R. I. YD Chapter. The "Silk City Gals" from Manchester, Conn. YD Chapter captured second prize. The Springfield YD Chapter Drum Corps taking third.

The Cleveland Chapter with its patrol won the award for the outfit coming the longest distance. (And speaking for the gasoline bill, I'd hate to have to foot it, for it did a continuous job from the time it reached Hartford until it left.) And when bigger and better patrols are built, Cleveland will build them for FLAHAVAN.

The military ball was held at the Foot Guard Hall and the crowd that filled the hall, shows the boys can still shake a leg. Major Wilfred H. Dresser, who in 1916 served on the Mexican Border over many of the Boys of the 1st Conn. Inf. which later were to become members of the 102nd Infantry was the prompter of the grand march.

National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER and Mrs. Miller led the grand march. The Windsor American Legion degree team presented a memorial sketch, and Alice Evans Wagner, of Hartford led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

And throughout that night and until early morning many parties were in session as my good old friends from the New York Chapter can bear me out.

On Saturday morning the convention found the largest attended meeting yet held by the Y.D.V.A. Perhaps it may have been a contest and it may have been that the YD spirit has grown. At any rate it was a fine demonstration and YD will grow to newer heights.

The parade was held in the afternoon with 10,000 in line and stepped off promptly at 2 o'clock. Col. JOSEPH P. NOLAN, commanding officer of the 169th Infantry and a YD man, was the marshal. On the grand stand was Mayor

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Thomas J. Spellacy, Governor Raymond Baldwin, Major Thomas J. Bannigan, Senator Francis T. Maloney, JERRY O'LEARY, newly-elected National Commander, with other city, state and military officials and nearly 30 Gold Star Mothers.

Saturday evening found many regimental and battalion reunions throughout the city.

An added event to the national convention was a military mass celebrated at the Shell in Bushnell Park. More than 15,000 persons observed or participated in this event.

Before Mass began the first military rites took place when the massed colors of 22 veteran and military units were advanced. All arose and came to attention or salute as the double file of colors moved down through the center aisle while the Hartford Federal Symphonic Band conducted by Henry H. Busse, played "The Stars and Stripes." In front of the Shell the ranks divided, the American Flags being borne to the left, the unit colors to the right and stacked in two long lines, framing the religious picture with the gently stirring banners.

Following the military overtures, the religious ceremonies began when the priests and others taking part in the Mass, came in procession from the Heublein Hotel where they had robed, crossed the Park River Bridge into the park. Escorting them at their head were Policemen Matthew J. Durkin and D. J. McAuliffe, Jr., followed by ERNEST F. CLORS and WALLACE H. GLADWIN of the Hartford Chapter representing the Y.D.V.A.

At the head of the religious company came the acolytes bearing candles and incense, Rev. Thomas F. Dennehy and the choir of St. Thomas Seminary, the clergy and two more police, Lieutenant Francis J. Gunshanan and Policeman Arthur T. Crombie.

The clergy were Rev. THOMAS F. TEMPLE, past national chaplain, celebrant of the Mass; Rev. Jeremiah Broderick of St. Peter's Church, Hartford, deacon; Captain Patrick L. Dolan, Sacred Heart Church, Suffield, sub deacon; and Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR, sermonizer.

Celebrant, deacon and sub deacon also wore the green vestments of the season.

Music by Palestrina and from Gregorian sources was sung during the Mass by the choir led by Fr. Dennehy at the organ.

(The Mass and the sermon by the Rev. GEORGE S. L. CONNOR, past national chaplain of the Y.D.V.A. and a former 26th Division chaplain in France, may be found in other pages of this month's YANKEE DOINGS.)

A great deal of praise should be given Superintendent George H. Hollister, of the City Park Department for the arrangements both for the military Mass and the dedication of the YD Garden in Newington at the Veterans Hospital.

As to finances, we have not as yet finished with all the business on hand and a full statement will be published in a later issue. But with $5000. from the State of Connecticut and more than $5000. from the program and registrations, we don't expect to go in the red.

As a tribute to the committee and those who were so occupied during the convention, Station WTHT, the Hartford Times Broadcasting Studio made a record of the convention parade and rebroadcast it Monday evening, July 3 for their enjoyment.

Also deserving of praise are the Hartford *Times* and Hartford *Courant* for their generous publicity given before and during the convention. And also to the Radio Stations WTHT, WTIC and WDRC for their news broadcasts and covering of the events.

From Maine to California and sunny Florida too, everybody had a grand time.

CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSIONS

Rather than one long account of each piece of business to come up before the three sessions of the Twentieth Annual Convention, which would present rather forbidding reading, it is thought better to give each important piece of business a little story of its own, such as the election of officers, the choosing of next year's Convention city, the action taken of proposed amendments, resolutions, presentation of Past National Commanders' medals, of Distinguished Service Certificates, etc., etc.

A few general comments are however in order. According to the eye-witness account of those attending, the sessions were marked with excellent conduct, and full attention was given by all to the matter under discussion at any particular time. All sessions, the one Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Saturday morning,

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were presided over by the National Commander EDGAR MILLER; and high praise has been awarded him for a difficult and masterly job.

All National officers were present at one or more of the sessions with the exception of the National Secretary (at home because of ill health), Americanism Officer HARRY BUGBEE, who tendered his Annual Report in writing, and RAY TORREY, Department Commander of Maine. Other than these two (or three), the entire nineteen National Officers were present.

Among the Past National Commanders taking a part in the proceedings, were BEN JAMES, now President ("If-President-is-good-enough-for-Roosevelt-it's-good-enough-for-JAMES") of the YD Club of Boston; RALPH M. EASTMAN, Col. BILL BLAKE, LEN MALONEY, AL HERMAN, RAY DOUCETTE. The record does not indicate whether or not two old reliables in that distinguished category — Gen. SHERBURNE and Col. KEVILLE — were on hand or not. If they were not, rest assured there was some urgent reason for it. As for General COLE, also a Past National Commander, he was prevented from attending — for the first time on record — by the fact that all other members of the Massachusetts Commission on Labor on Industry, of which he is a member — chose that particular time to be out of town, leaving him — as 't'were, holding the satchel.

Distinguished Guests

Other distinguished guests of the Convention, and no mention is made here of our own members — though truth to tell, many of them are more deserving of mention than some of the others, for the work they did in putting the Convention over — were:

His Excellency Raymond E. Baldwin, the Governor of Connecticut; Alderman McCourt, representing Mayor Spellacy of Hartford; Maj. Tom Bannigan, Manager of Newington Veterans Hospital; Col. Anson T. McCook, Past Department (Conn.) Commander, the American Legion.

Captain Milton, Past Department (Conn.) Commander, Jewish War Veterans; JOSEPH KOLINSKY (of our own YD), Department Commander (Conn.) Disabled American Veterans of the World War; Ben Ackerman, Department (Conn.) Commander-elect, the American Legion; Commander William Kruser, Department of Connecticut, the American Legion.

These are the only names DOINGS finds in the official records, but doubtless representatives of other groups also appeared. No one realizes better than your reporter the difficulty of getting the names of all who are introduced at a Convention.

In addition to the above, who appeared in person, messages were read from Gen. COLE, Sec. PHIL SANBORN, Cong. William J. Miller, Robert D. Benjamin, President of the Reserve Officers Association, the National Dep't. of the American Legion; Rhode Island American Legion Convention Committee, and many others.

National and Department Reports

Among the National and Department Officers who tendered reports of their year of service to the Convention were:

National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER, National Treasurer LEA H. REDFIELD (on finance), Acting-National Secretary H. GUY WATTS (on membership), National Service Officer FRANK W. COPPINGER, National Judge-Advocate HAROLD J. SMITH, National Historian LAURENCE COOK, National Americanism Officer HARRY W. BUGBEE (Message read by the Acting Secretary), National Chaplain Father THOMAS F. TEMPLE.

The following Department Commanders:

FRED SHAW of Maine, representing Dep't. Comm. TORREY, EUGENE DUGAS of New Hampshire, ARTHUR W. SMITH of Vermont, EDWIN J. "Ted" NOYES of Massachusetts, HOWARD W. HUNT of Rhode Island, RAYMOND B. KINCAID of Connecticut, PETER SADY of the Dep't. of the U. S. (Detroit).

The National Sergeant-at-Arms, HARRY T. ROBERTSON, was such a busy man, (Chairman of the Registration Committee) that, although he put in an appearance, the actual job of Sergeant-at-Arms, was handled by appointees of the Commander, MARTY TAYLOR of Boston, BILL THOMPSON of Bristol, Conn. Their work on this gruelling job — checking the membership of all who entered, escorting distinguished guests to the rostrum and announcing them, etc., etc., was of a calibre to elicit the highest commendation of the Commander and the praise of all members present.

To mention by name all the past national officers present, other than Past National Commanders who have already been mentioned, is a task beyond the powers of YANKEE DOINGS. A lot of good men and true have held office in this Association of ours, and most of them were there.

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Officers-elect

Officers-elect didn't quite make the attendance record of the out-going officers — but a good record nevertheless. Present were:

National Commander-elect JERRY O'LEARY, National Treasurer-elect LEA REDFIELD, National Service Officer-elect FRANK COPPINGER, National Judge Advocate-elect HAROLD J. SMITH, National Americanism Officer-elect ELIOT A. CARTER, National Historian-elect JOHN J. GOSS, National Sergeant-at-Arms (later appointed by the new Commander) PHIL MCKIERNAN.

The following Department Commanders-elect:

EUGENE DUGAS of New Hampshire, JOSEPH G. ABAIR of Vermont, AUSTIN F. APPLEBY of Massachusetts, LAURENCE J. COOK of Rhode Island, GARDINER H. HALL of Connecticut, FRED H. FLAHAVAN of the Department of the United States.

Of course, quite a few were re-elected, and appear in both lists. The only two missing were the National Chaplain-elect WILLARD SMITH and Department Commander BILL LOVE of Maine. For ought DOINGS knows either one or both of them may have been present, but we have no one at our elbow to ask, and have to go by the record.

For the other, and more important pieces of business transacted, turn to other pages of this issue.

OUR NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

The election of officers at the Hartford Convention provided about the only contentious note. Only one office was contested: that of National Commander. JERRY D. O'LEARY (D Co., 101st Engrs.) was the candidate of the Nominating Committee by a 5 to 2 vote. EDWIN J. "Ted" NOYES, entered the contest, or rather, to have the record straight, was entered into the contest by 52 signers of nomination papers (20 being the minimum requirement of the Constitution).

From reports by those who were at the scene of combat, Ted's campaign committee, headed by P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE, (Chairman and one of the two dissenting members of the nominating committee) put up a heluva scrap. It is reported that they were busy all day and night Thursday and Friday, in hotels, on the streets, in restaurants, and everywhere else, buttonholing members for votes. The same sources of information report that O'LEARY rested on a known voting strength — which he was sure of; not staging any visible campaign during the Convention.

Known facts before the Convention opened were: (1) That O'LEARY had practically 100% support of R. I. and Connecticut chapters; (2) that NOYES had the support of the majority of Massachusetts chapters; (3) that New York Chapter was for O'LEARY; (4) that Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont were hard to predict; (5) that Connecticut would be likely to have the largest voting strength on hand.

It was announced at the opening session on Thursday afternoon that the election would be held — by secret ballot — on Saturday morning.

Nomination of O'LEARY — together with all the other regularly nominated officers — was made by the acceptance of the report of the Nominating Committee. Nomination of NOYES was made by P.N.C. DOUCETTE, seconded by AUSTIN APPLEBY, though the filing of the nomination papers actually was sufficient.

Speakers in favor of O'LEARY included P.N.C.s MALONEY and HERMAN, and BEN PITMAN, P.C. of New York Chapter, and a member of the nominating committee.

Ballots were distributed, and the Chair appointed the following Balloting Committee:

JOSEPH JORDAN (Washington Chapter) for the Dep't. of the U. S.; HAZEN O. HAGAR (Cumberland County Chapter) for Maine; ELIOT A. CARTER (Nashua Chapter) for New Hampshire; WILLIAM CUDWORTH (Brattleboro Chapter) for Vermont; JOHN T. SULLIVAN (Lynn Chapter) for Massachusetts; WILLIAM A. STANG (Providence Chapter) for Rhode Island; Col. BEEBE ( ) for Connecticut.

The result of the ballot showed:

Votes cast:	531
For NOYES	237
For O'LEARY	294

O'LEARY was declared elected.

The complete slate of officers — all others being uncontested — is as follows:

National Commander JERRY D. O'LEARY, (D Co., 101st Engrs.), Providence Chapter, Dep't. of R. I.

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National Chaplain Rev. WILLARD SMITH (A Co., 104th Inf.), Member-at-Large, Dep't. of N. H.

National Judge Advocate HAROLD J. SMITH, (101st F. Sig. Bn.), Boston Chapter.

National Treasurer LEANDER H. REDFIELD, (F Co., 101st Engrs.), Boston Chapter.

National Americanism Officer ELIOT A. CARTER, (Hq., 103rd Inf.), Nashua Chapter.

National Historian JOHN J. GOSS, (103rd Amb. Co.), Hartford Chapter.

National Service Officer FRANK W. COPPINGER, (E Co., 101st Engrs.), Boston Chapter.

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Department of Maine:
WILLIAM E. LOVE, (Hq., 51st Inf. Brigade), Farmington Chapter.

Department of New Hampshire:
EUGENE DUGAS, (A Co., 103rd Inf.), Manchester Chapter.

Department of Vermont:
JOSEPH G. ABAIR, (F Co., 101st Amm. Tr.), Washington County Chapter.

Department of Massachusetts:
AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, (I Co., 104th Inf.), Boston Chapter.

Department of Rhode Island:
LAURENCE H. COOK, (Hq., 102nd Inf.), Providence Chapter.

Department of Connecticut:
GARDINER H. HALL, (101st M. G. Bn.), Willimantic Chapter.

Department of the U. S.:
FRED H. FLAHAVAN, (I Co., 104 Inf.), Ohio Chapter.

Three Additional Members of the National Executive Committee:
FRANK L. SMITH, (F Batt., 101st F.A.), Beverly Chapter.
J. FRED SHAW, (M.G. Co., 103rd Inf.), Lewiston "Androscoggin Valley" Chapter.
EDWARD J. NELSON, (Hq. Troop), New York Chapter.

Upon the announcement of the election of O'LEARY, RAY DOUCETTE immediately moved to make the election unanimous, and in the absence (due to death in the family) of defeated candidate TED NOYES, pledged that all hatchets were buried and that the Y.D.V.A. as a whole could be counted upon to back its new Commander. Commander-elect O'LEARY thanked the meeting, and promised his best efforts for the year.

Since the Convention, the National Commander has announced the appointment of PHIL MCKIERNAN as National Sergeant-at-Arms.

The National Secretary and National Assistant Secretary are subject to appointment by the National Executive Committee.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S FINAL REPORT

Writing a final report seems an unnecessary duty. The year has been completed, what has been done *has* been done and that which was left undone will have to remain so, unless my successor can make up for any uncompleted responsibilities. However, it being customary to make a report I will do so in more or less general terms.

During the year and a month which was the length of the administration completed with the close of the Hartford Convention, I visited chapters to the number of 41 out of the 65. A number of chapters were visited twice and one three times so that a total of 55 chapter visits were made excluding my own chapter meetings of which I attended all but a few.

I attended 16 State Department meetings divided between Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, 7 National Executive Committee meetings and 12 other affairs at which I represented the Y.D.V.A. In addition I served on the Hartford Convention Corporation and several sub-committees of that convention.

During the year four new chapters received their charters, Franklin, N. H., New London, Conn., Kent County, R. I. and Cumberland County, Maine.

Accompanying me on practically all my visits were either National Secretary PHIL SANBORN or National Sergeant-at-Arms HARRY ROBERTSON, or both; and frequently other National or Department officers. Needless to state these visits were most enjoyable in spite of the late hours and the thousands of miles traveled to say nothing of the days, and in a few cases whole weeks, that had to be taken from personal business in order to make tours of the more distant chapters.

The time spent, however, was more than repaid by the new friendships formed, the enthusiastic receptions throughout Y.D.V.A. and the knowledge gathered that everywhere YD men

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were becoming more and more interested in improving and enlarging the scope of their chapter activities. It is very evident that YD men are finding in their own association an unusual comradeship which will increase as the years advance. Let no one jeopardize this most valuable asset by injecting anything that will affect, even slightly, the harmony within our organization that makes it stand out among all veteran groups.

Let me emphasize the fact that we have developed our organization by methods that have been distinctly successful and that as long as we continue such methods we shall continue to thrive; why should we make any radical change to some unproven method that may undo the years of hard and unselfish labor on the part of those who have brought Y.D.V.A. to its present high efficiency.

We can continue to build and improve on the foundation already solidified, and as a matter of suggestion to those who will have the responsibility in the future I would recommend: that the development started in a small way last year in the State of Maine be continued, that a State Department be organized with at least one State meeting a year to begin with; That the State of Vermont be organized likewise with at least one State meeting every quarter; that State Commanders be made wholly responsible for the development of new chapters within their States so that every community now not organized will be, (in some States the possibilities for new chapters are innumerable); that although we were about 500 short in our project to reach 5,000 members during the past year, this campaign should be continued, as I am certain that with a little more effort and co-operation last year we could easily have reached our proposed objective; that we continue to elect men to office who are qualified to carry on the functions of Chapters, State Departments and National Headquarters, and that we continue to place full confidence in our National Executive Committee which transacts the business of our organization and which in the past has done an outstanding job and wholly unselfish.

I want to express my appreciation to the many Chapters and individuals who made every effort to assist me reach my membership goal during the year and to those who co-operated with me at all times making my task a very pleasant one. Give your newly elected National Commander JERRY O'LEARY and his staff your loyal support, they need it, deserve it and you will benefit by it.

My greetings and best wishes to all of you,

— ED. MILLER,
Past National Commander.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Oftentimes statistics are tiresome reading and are skipped over. But the following Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Y.D.V.A. for the year ending March 31, 1939 should be of interest to every reader of DOINGS.

First of all, let's call attention to two or three important facts which might not stand out unless attention was called to them.

1. One year ago, on March 31, 1938, the Association finished "in the black" (for the first time in years), with a Net Worth of $290 and some odd cents. This year shows the Net Worth (i.e. excess of Assets over Liabilities) at $749.41; an increase for the year of $359.00 (we'll leave out the cents).

2. This year's report shows the receipt of "Contributions" amounting to $267.62. This was the wind-up of the drive for $3000.00 and represents the fraction which came in after April 1, 1938. It should not be considered as "normal" income, and ought to be deducted from the apparent gain. Taking $267.00 from $359.00 shows that the Association actually went ahead to the tune of $92.00 for the year. Not much *but the right direction!* For one year at least, the promise to live within normal income has been kept.

3. The sum represented by "Net Worth" (i.e. excess of assets over liabilities) is not the same as Excess of Income over Expense, which amounts to $451.22. This latter merely means that in cash we took in $451 more than we spent, and is not a particularly important figure, because at both the beginning and close of any year there are certain items receivable and payable for which compensation must be made to arrive at the true financial condition shown by Net Worth.

4. The two items of YANKEE DOINGS and Salaries alone account for $6,141.03 of the total expenses of $8,373.35.

Now for the figures:

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EXHIBIT A
Income and Expenses
For Year Ended March 31, 1939

INCOME

Membership Dues		$7,373.00
Advertising Income		247.00
Subscriptions		16.00
Sales		7.70
Miscellaneous Income		6.25
Contributions		267.62
Income from Providence Convention Corp.		907.00
TOTAL INCOME		$8,824.57

EXPENSES

Yankee Doings Expenses		
Printing		$3,289.01
Wrappers		88.20
Wrapping		157.55
Postage		236.96
Express Charges		14.50
Miscellaneous Charges		7.98
Total Yankee Doings Expenses		3,794.20
Other Expenses		
Salaries		$2,346.83
Rent		600.00
Advertising Commissions		10.00
Office Expenses		81.31
Miscellaneous Expenses		64.42
Membership Expense		563.13
Postage		151.86
Convention Expenses		7.50
Travel Expenses		314.97
Telephone Charges		33.84
Administrative Expenses		306.44
Depreciation		42.28
Social Security Charges		45.98
Bank Charges		10.59
		4,579.15
TOTAL EXPENSES		$8,373.35
Income in Excess of Expenses		451.22

EXHIBIT B
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 1939

ASSETS

Cash		$ 795.56
Sinking Fund		1,100.00
Cash in Savings Bank		28.85
Life Membership Fund		300.00
Accounts Receivable		147.95
Interest Accrued		11.40
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		$2,383.76
Office Equipment	$422.78	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	335.24	87.54
Prepaid Items		40.11
TOTAL ASSETS		$2,511.41

LIABILITIES

Prepaid Dues	$1,462.00
Reserve for L. M. Invest. Fund	300.00
Net Worth	749.41
Total Liabilities and Capital	$2,511.41

L. H. REDFIELD,
National Treasurer.

Approved by Auditing Committee:
ALBERT M. PACIFICI,
WM. J. BROWN,
VERNON B. HITCHINS.

A few of the individual items may need a word of explanation.

Exhibit A. Under "income" about the only item needing explanation is the $907.00 from the Providence Convention. The Convention Committee turned over to the National Treasurer a check for $1000.00. But $93.00 of the amount was credited as Providence Chapter's quota of the fund-raising drive in process at the time; the balance — $907.00 as the Convention guarantee to the Association.

Under "Expense":

a. "Office Expenses" include such items as stationery, ink, pens, pencils and whatnot, used in the office.

b. "Membership Expense" includes a great many things. The printing of membership application blanks, membership cards, receipt forms, due bills, reminder notices, notices to chapters concerning membership, etc.; likewise the postage involved in the sending of any or all of these items.

c. "Travel Expense" includes the expenses approved in itemized form by the National Executive Committee throughout the year for the travelling on YD business of the National Commander and National Secretary.

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d. Administrative Expense is a sort of catch-all, including such things as the printing and mailing of: Notices of Executive Committee Meetings; bulletins to chapters on various subjects; engrossing and mailing of Charters, Past Commanders' medals, etc., etc.

e. "Postage" represents merely the amount of postage consumed in ordinary correspondence; not including the postage on YANKEE DOINGS, or that which is lumped under "Membership" or "Administrative" expense.

Nearly all the other items are self-explanatory. Rent is the $50.00 a month paid to the YD Club of Boston for space, light, heat, all phone calls except long distance calls, use of equipment including the invaluable addressograph. Miscellaneous takes in everything not found anywhere else: such as flowers on Memorial and Armistice Day or for the funeral of any particularly distinguished member, and a hundred little items we can't even remember.

— L. H. REDFIELD,
National Treasurer.

ACTION TAKEN ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Six amendments in all to the National Constitution were proposed to the Twentieth Annual Convention. Without going into technicalities or legal verbiage, we'll tell you what they were and whether or not they were adopted.

Amendment No. 1 provided that Chapters may elect Honorary or Associate Members of their own chapter only, subject to approval of each name by the National Executive Committee. THIS WAS ADOPTED.

Amendment No. 2 sought to define more clearly the status of chapter members who may desire to join a chapter in some other locality than where they live. It provides that they may do so (a) upon written permission of the chapter of original jurisdiction (i.e. where they live); (b) prove that he has already been a member of some other chapter within two years of the date he seeks reinstatement; or (c) that he has moved away from his original chapter area but still desires affiliation with it. THIS WAS ADOPTED.

Amendment No. 3 sought to change the fiscal year of the Association from April 1 to some other date, preferably October 1. THIS WAS TABLED.

Amendment No. 4 proposed that the method for the nomination of National officers be changed and the Nominating Committee authorized to submit the name of not more than one candidate *from each Department* for each office to be filled, rather than a single nominee for each office. It also provided doing away with the running of candidates on signatures. Upon appeal, the Judge Advocate ruled that under the present Constitution, the nominating committee already has the right to nominate more than one man for each office. ON A STANDING VOTE THIS AMENDMENT WAS LOST, 50 to 65.

Amendment No. 5 provided for the creation of a new National Officer, to be known as the National Assistant Secretary, to be selected by the National Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the National Secretary. THIS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Amendment No. 6 provided for making all Department officers members of the National Executive Committee. (At present only Department Commanders and Chapter Commanders are.) THIS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS

Several resolutions were presented to the Twentieth Annual Convention for action; compared to many other veteran organizations, they were indeed few in number.

The Chair appointed the following Resolutions Committee, and their report and the subsequent action taken by the full legislative body is given here: J. FRED SHAW (Androscoggin Valley Chapter, Me.); EUGENE DUGAS (Manchester Chapter, N. H.); JOSEPH GAUTHIER Worcester Chapter, Mass.); LAURENCE H. COOK (Providence Chapter, R. I.); EDWARD J. NELSON (New York Chapter); NATE D. GOLDEN (Washington Chapter).

The official minutes of the Convention are not quite clear to your reporter as to the procedure followed, as they report in each case that "a motion was made by GOLDEN", seconded by

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someone, and a vote taken. Apparently NATE GOLDEN was chosen Chairman of the committee. The usual procedure is to listen to the chairman's report of the committee action, and then vote either approval or disapproval. Perhaps this is what was done. As we say, it isn't clear. Anyhow, by one method or another, the following is what happened.

No. 1. A Resolution "that this Convention go on record disapproving the sale of flags by so-called veterans, and declaring the Convention is not in sympathy with those engaged in such sales which result only in milking the public; and further that this Association favors only the sale of the official Convention rose, being sold by the Connecticut Department, Y.D.V.A." *was approved.*

No. 2. A Resolution commending the work being done by the government in housing and slum clearance *was approved.*

No. 3. A Resolution — originating in the Department of New Hampshire — "that the Association go on record as opposing any change in the Constiution of the Association which would allow any service man who did not actually serve in France with the 26th Division to become active members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, except as Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution prescribes" *was adopted.* (N.B. If your editor may venture a comment — not having been there himself — this resolution seems to be merely an expression of approval of the present membership provisions of the Constitution, which cannot be changed anyhow except by Amendment, in which case the question would come up for discussion. It is, however, a guide-post to go by, and in the event such an Amendment *should* be proposed at any time; it might be quoted that the Twentieth Annual Convention had gone on record against any such change — by Resolution. Not being a Judge Advocate or a parliamentarian, we'd hate to venture whether that would prevent a vote on such a proposed amendment if such should ever come up again — but we doubt it.)

No. 4. A Resolution "that the Association adopt an official 'flower' — the bleeding heart; to be sold upon occasion by Chapters or Departments to raise funds" *was lost.*

No. 5. A Resolution "that this Convention authorize and direct the National Executive Committee to select and designate an official flower as the national Y.D.V.A. Flower, and that all Chapters be notified of the selection prior to Memorial Day, 1940" *was adopted.*

No. 6. A Resolution "that this Convention go on record as commending the work done by National Service Officer FRANK W. COPPINGER" *was approved.*

No. 7. A Resolution "regarding membership in the Y.D.V.A. of men who were in the Yankee Division prior to sailing for overseas service, but who did not go overseas with the Division" *was tabled.* (Again, may DOINGS venture to comment. Such a change cannot be accomplished by Resolution. It requires a Constitutional amendment. The method prescribed for amending the Constitution is stated in the Constiution.)

No. 8. Submitted by Convention Chairman BEN BOURN:

Whereas: The Yankee Division Veterans Association, assembled in the city of Hartford in the State of Connecticut on this date is deeply appreciative of the courtesies rendered by the State of Connecticut, its officers and various departments; the several departments of the Federal Government; the City Government and its officials; the merchants and the press of the city of Hartford, therefore

Be It Resolved that this Convention expresses its thanks for their assistance in helping make this Convention the success that it has been.

Was Unanimously Adopted.

A vote of the Convention, not apparently in the form of a resolution, instructed the acting Secretary to send a telegram of sympathy to the National Secretary. It was received, fellas, and thanx more than you'll ever know.

THE MILITARY BALL

The Military Ball at the Convention on Friday night seems to be less well covered in the Hartford papers than most of the other events, and as no one has told DOINGS the story, we'll have to give readers what we can find. The following appeared in the Hartford *Times:*

A formal note was struck at the military ball in Foot Guard Armory, where the grand march was led by National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER, of Hartford, and Mrs. Miller. The Windsor American Legion degree team presented a memorial sketch, and Alice Evans Wagner of Hartford led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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THAT SOFT BALL GAME ! !

DOINGS cheerfully gives full credit to A. B. M'Ginley, sports writer of the Hartford *Times*, for the following swell account of the antic (or at least part of them) at that arena of belly-laughs, the soft ball game between Lowell Thomas' "Nine Old Men" and Col. MIKE CONNOR's "All Stars" on Thursday afternoon at the Convention. We've had to cut M'Ginley's story about in half, wish we had room for the whole of it. One feature we don't see mentioned was the bird who, after singling safely, continued on into right field and off the field altogether, never to be seen again. Also we understand the uniforms, especially the hats of the Nine Old Men were Somethin'. In fact the man at bat used his hat for a home plate until or unless he got a hit, when he must put it on before running. Following are A. B. M'Ginley's comments:

There may be something to that ancient saw—a lean horse for a long race . . . .

In that softball game at the Bulkeley Stadium between Lowell Thomas' "Nine Old Men" and Col. MIKE CONNOR's All-Stars. Heywood Broun was the biggest man on the field . . . .

He looked capable of taking the All-Stars and tossing them over the stand in one piece . . . . but the noted Mr. Broun, (who looks always as though having his sabbatical year from the barber shop), was on the sidelines early in the contest and panting like a beagle at sundown after the day's chase . . . .

It may have been the absence of Mrs. Broun, who is Heywood's proxy in running the bases, put an unfair burden upon the Brilliant Broun . . . . but whatever the reason he was an early casual and Lowell Thomas may decide before the next game to streamline his entire team . . . .

This would be a hard blow to the softball fraternity which has a habit (when the game is poo-poohed) of pointing to Heywood as proof that the game requires brains as well as brawn.

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Despite the rather early departure of Mr. Broun from the pitcher's box and the desertion in midgame of Lowell Thomas, who had a radio commitment at WTIC, the "Nine Old Men" triumphed . . . .

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Arnica and bandage salesmen, disguised as policemen, broke up the game, the better to sell their wares.

When the game was rudely interrupted by phoney gendarmes, the score was 13 to 9 . . . . or so someone said . . . .

A man, who could have kept an accurate score, could balance the national budget . . . .

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MIKE CONNORS was pitching for the All-Stars and puffing on a cigar when the constabulary rushed onto the diamond grabbed Ted Shane, the Humorist, and Mutt Ray, the Husky, bundled them into a waiting patrol wagon . . . and brought the whole thing to a close . . . .

It was later explained Mike was smoking because he wished to throw up a smoke screen to hide the real situation—that his men couldn't have gone five more minutes not even for the Pulitzer prize (if they have one of those for softball). The All-Stars, report has it, had floating elbows, housemaid's knee, trembling tonsils—everything, in fact, except dementia praecox . . . .

This the good Colonel denied today in a statement exclusively for this and 138 other newspapers . . . "We were about to crash down on them when the cops horned in," said Mike. "That's my story and I think it is a good one."

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There were many celebs in the ball game . . . among them Ted Shane, humorist; Lanny Ross, thrush of the airways and one-time Yale's star runner; Paul Webb, who does those hillbilly cartoons; Bob Johnson of "Time" (which is what some of the players should have been given for their errors); Phil Nichols, Lowell Thomas, the frequently mentioned Mr. Broun, Homer Croy, Wood Cowan, creator of Major Hoople and denouncer of Colonel CONNOR; and Graham McNamee . . . .

A successor to Nick Altrock, should Nick pass suddenly from the scene, was revealed in Dr. Ogilby, the Trinity prexy . . . the doctor's antics were buffoonery at its best, notably the time he scored a run and acknowledged the plaudits of two customers (suspected of being Trinity upper classmen on probation) with sweeping bows and fancy steps . . . .

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Houghton Bulkeley was with the All-Stars and after watching him bat I decided the family's place in baseball still belongs to his good father who was the first president of the Na-

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tional League . . . Hobey Hyde was in there too and tennis is still his game . . . .

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Of the two dozen odd, who filed in and out of the ball game, my nomination for Baseball's Hall of Fame is Doc Naylor . . . .

There must be a fountain of youth at the South Green.

THE PARADE

DOINGS gratefully acknowledges its indebtedness to the Hartford *Daily Courant* for the following description of the big military parade on Saturday afternoon, June 24:

Add to the Big Parades, and place it among the foremost, that of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association in Hartford.

Say that it was New England's famous Twenty-sixth Division once more on the march, cutting a vivid slash of color and fanfare along our streets. Not so many of them, we know too well, as went to France; not even so many as returned, now that two decades have passed. But nearly 4000 of them at that, and together with other veterans and soldiery from all over the neighboring East, 10,000 marchers kept in step by the ruffling drums and bugles of two-score corps, receiving the salutes of a standful of military, state and civic officials, and the applause of 75,000 citizens densely packed along the two miles line of march.

No other procession over our pavements within recent memory was so large as this one. Moving in seven divisions, and nearly 100 sections or units, it was the better part of two hours in passing from the South Green up Main Street to High, south on High to Ford, and over Trinity Street beneath the Memorial Arch to the Lafayette Monument near the Capitol grounds.

Distinctly Military Affair

Unlike the Tercentenary parade, yesterday's was distinctly a military affair, marked by uniforms, flags, rifle-bearing escorts, the measured tread of drill-familiar feet, trumpeting and the shrilling of fifes, dipping colors, sabers at present, and the often reiterated command "Eyes right!" One float alone was seen in the entire array, that of the Epieds Chapter, presenting a replica of a granite monument, inscribed with the departments and achievements of the Yankee Division, and surrounded by members of its auxiliary. The customary others were replaced by tanks, army trucks and other more somber vehicles of the military.

Ideal Weather

The state had ordered up some of its best weather for the event. Speaking before the convention Friday, Governor Baldwin told the Yankee veterans that he had requested nothing but sunshine for the whole four days gathering. And that's what they got, June-day weather of the what-is-so-rare variety.

First Division

The Army itself comprised the first division of the seven, with Colonel Kenneth F. Cramer as commanding officer. In the sober khaki of troops, relieved only by company pennons and the national colors, the units and sections moved briskly along: First section—43rd Division Aviation, 110th Cavalry, Troop B, 21st Receiving Squadron, Company A, 118th Medical Regiment, 19th Division USNR, Connecticut Naval Militia.

Military Music

With the coming of the Third Division, commanded by Captain Frank W. Russell, the first heavy barrage of military music and flashes of high color appeared. Its ranks were solid with youngsters, boys and girls, marching and playing, their costumes in all manner of military mode and bright hue, the Washington Park, Meriden boys and girls drum corps, with red rosetted, three cornered hats; Immaculate Conception Fife and Drum Corps, in blue; St. Anthony's Drum and Bugle Corps in military khaki; St. Michael's Drum and Bugle Corps, also in khaki and executing intricate maneuvers.

Colorful Uniforms

The first brilliant spot of color to make its appearance, came in the fourth section, commanded by Major George R. Sturges. Behind him came his own First Company, Governor's Foot Guard, in the familiar uniforms of Colonial tradition in the garb of the Putnam Phalanx. With them came their bands. Sharing the section with them was First Battalion, 102nd Infantry and band.

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Allied Veterans

The Fourth Division was called the "Allied Veterans Associations" in the parade orders, and it included both the men and their auxiliaries. It was not always possible to identify specifically the many camps and posts, but none could miss the British War Veterans, with the brilliant colors of England, the khaki and tartan tams of those who had served in Scottish regiments, the Polish and Lithuanian veterans in their kepis, bearing the violet and rose banners with white eagles and the Italian units in their smart belted uniforms.

The auxiliaries, most of them in multi colored capes, were also among the bright spectacles of the parade.

VFW Has Whole Division

A whole division was given over to Veterans of Foreign Wars and their musical units. This was the Fifth, commanded by State Commander Edward P. Riley. Here again was more color, the Daughters of Veterans of Hartford Drum Corps, with red blouses, and blue skirts; Grassy Plains School Fife and Drum Corps, Bethel, presenting its boys and girls in blue and gold capes; the Sacred Heart Church girls and boys corps of Malden Mass., winners of last year's parade contest at the Providence YDVA convention, and resplendent in red and blue; the senior Drum Corps of John W. Ryan Post, of Broad Brook, especially neat in navy cadet tails, trimmed with gold.

A. L. Division

The American Legion and its auxiliaries also had a whole division to themselves, the Sixth, commanded by State Commander William C. Kruser. At its head came the massed colors of eight posts, one of the most stirring groups of colors in the entire parade. They too had large and colorful corps of music, to which to march.

Seventh Division YD Veterans

As was meet and right, the Seventh and last Division, devoted the Yankee Division Veterans themselves, was the largest and most elaborate in the entire parade.

At its head marched EDGAR F. MILLER of West Hartford, national commander of the YDVA, followed by a staff of past national commanders and national officers. Then came the division's first music, the New York *Daily News* Post, Drum Corps of boys led by a girl drum major. After them marched the New York Chapter, topped in solar topees. The New York Chapter, together with those immediately following, comprised the Department of the United States —the Ohio Chapter from Cleveland, with its red police patrol still gonging along, the last appearance of one of the most familiar sights in the convention; and the Washington, D. C. Post.

Maine and New Hampshire had massed their forces, which were modest in size. Contrastingly big was the Boston Chapter, with its drum corps in the uniforms of the French army, its color-bearers as officers, its buglers and drummers as privates. This was the opening of the Massachusetts section, which also included D Company, US 101st Engineers in sombreros and kerchiefs, and its girls drum corps in blue and white, also in sombreros.

In the same section was Lynn Chapter, Bessie Edwards Cadets, the Springfield Chapter headed by acting Mayor Howard Sanderson, the New Bedford Chapter with its drum corps headed by two girl drum majors, the Worcester Chapter with a boys and girls Junior Corps.

Rhode Island was strongly represented by the Providence Chapter and the Kent "baby" Chapter.

And bringing up the rear came the Connecticut department, with the Bristol Girls Fife and Drum Corps in blue and gold capes; the Terryville unit; Bridgeport with a woman's corps in navy and red, topped by brass helmets; the large Manchester Chapter delegation, with its drum corps in navy with gold stripes and "brass hats," the float from Epieds Chapter, tractor towed; Meriden Chapter accompanied by a girls corps in purple and white; New Britain Chapter, accompained by the Boys' Club Fife and Drum Corps, in red, white and blue; New Haven Chapter, with a Junior YD Drum and Bugle Corps of boys and girls; Norwalk, New Haven and Stamford chapters; the Chester Drum Corps in Colonial garb; the New London Chapter, Wallingford Chapter accompanied by a Sons of American Veterans corps, and finally, the big Hartford Chapter turnout, receiving the plaudits of the whole line, together with its new Junior Corps of boys and girls in blue and gold, 100 strong.

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THE SUNDAY MORNING MILITARY MASS

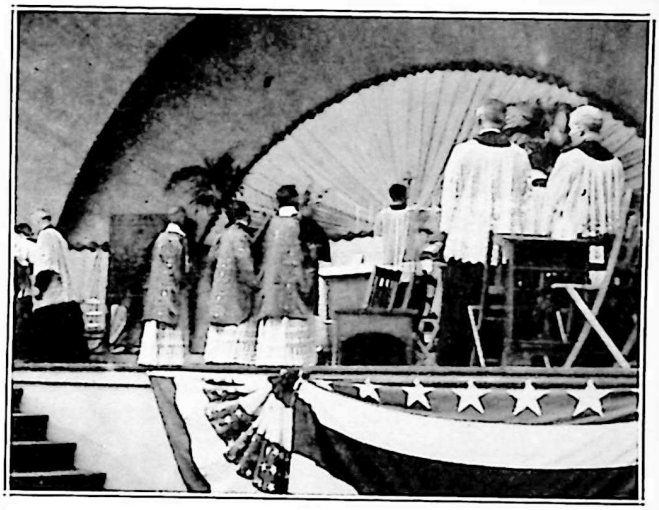
By Reverend Thomas F. Temple
Past National Chaplain

There was a hosting of the "boys of the Yankee Division" before that altar of the Lord at the Shell in Bushnell Park, Hartford, on Sunday morning, June 25, during the Military Memorial Mass which marked the closing of the 20th Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association. It was not merely a sighing, "Oh for the touch of the vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still." It was more than that. One could almost see them trooping by — the friends we left overseas who have made the lands of France forever sacred to us, spots of earth that are now "forever New England," for the flesh and blood of our comrades are mingled with the soil; those whose bones are blanched in the brine of the ocean; those who came home and whose earthly place knows them no more; for like the leaves that fell from the trees o'er our heads that June morning in Hartford, they too, have fallen from this earthly path. They were all there — our dead of the Yankee Division — giving glory to God and urging us to continue the work as yet undone.

The clouds lowered over Hartford that Sunday morning and the sudden rustle of wind forboded rain. Despite the threat, about fifteen thousand persons were present at the Mass. They were well rewarded and will not soon forget what they saw and heard. The solemn music of the band, the glowing pageantry and ancient drama of the Mass, the stirring words of the preacher, the dulcet notes of the chimes, the beauty of the scene itself, the rousing strains of the National Anthem, the startling crackle of the rifles, the heart rending call and echo of taps — all conspired to stir the soul and leave a lasting impression.

"What they witnessed," wrote T. H. Parker describing the event in the Hartford *Courant*, "was one of the most impressive ceremonies Hartford has ever seen, made up of high solemnities of Church and Army — the moving dignity of high Mass and procession, the vivid stirring scene of massed colors being advanced by uniformed soldiery. Its impact was inescapable and not easily forgotten, and the great congregation followed it with marked earnestness."

Tributes poured in for days to the newspaper offices and the office of the Mass Committee. The following from one of the newspapers gives



A View of the Mass held at Shell in Bushnell Park
Sunday, June 25, 1939
Past National Chaplain Rev. Thomas Temple, Celebrant

the tenor of them all: "The Military Mass at Bushnell Park Sunday morning was a beautiful and fitting benediction to the Yankee Division Veterans' Association. Nothing could have been more appropriate, nothing more impressive. The Yankee Division rededicated itself to the service of God and country in a special service that will live long in the memory of those who attended."

The minister of the Mass was the Reverend THOMAS F. TEMPLE, of St. Mary's Parish, Katonah, N. Y., celebrant; the Reverend James J. Broderick, St. Peter's Church, Hartford, deacon; and the Reverend Patrick L. Dolan, Sacred Heart Church, Duffield, subdeacon. The master of ceremonies and acolytes were drawn from the Cathedral staff. The preacher of the day was the Reverend GEORGE S. L. CONNOR, Holy Name Church, Springfield, Mass., a member of the Y.D.V.A. and a former national chaplain.

Father CONNOR's sermon was timely and stirring. He said, in part:

Father Connor's Sermon

"My Comrades of the Twenty-sixth Division have had a glorious time in your beauti-

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ful City the past three days. They have enjoyed to the utmost their meetings, reunions, parades and celebrations. Your hospitality has been so warm, so gracious, that they have felt that the whole City of Hartford was interested in making their stay one never to be forgotten. Under the spell of your gracious welcome they have enjoyed so completely their convention here that they may have left the impression that they live only for play, that the seriousness of life has not yet caught up with these veterans of the World War.

"Such is not the fact. These men have lived too close to the shadow of eternity to have missed the real meaning of life. Too long and too often have they felt the cold hand of death hovering about them to have escaped the stern reality of life's serious business. They have known what it was to feel themselves completely in the hands of God. They have experienced utter dependence on God's mercy.. They have so felt the nearness to eternity that the Eternal God became their closest neighbor.

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"They know the frightful realism of war, stripped of all its glamour and all its glory. And because they know all this they have consecrated themselves to the preservation of peace. They are not pacifists. They believe in the proper and adequate military and naval defense of our country. They still estimate service under the flag as the highest gift of a citizen to his country. And yet these fighting men are now fighting for peace, an abiding peace, which alone can give to our country the opportunity to fulfill its proper destiny among the nations of the world.

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"America can best help the world, when America best helps herself. The stronger our country is, the greater will be her power for good. Any movement that would lessen her spirit, weaken her power, or hamper her in the control of domestic affairs would render her impotent to fulfill her mission of service to mankind. War would do all this, and hence every effort that a patriotic people could muster should be directed against our entrance into a war not of our making.

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"I believe that we have developed here in our country a will for peace. There can be no religious, cultural, educational advancement unless first there is a deep abiding peace. We must then bend our every effort for its preservation.

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"When you speak of war the world will listen, and to the listening world, say as our new Pope has said, 'Pray for peace, fight for peace, make every honorable sacrifice to attain peace.' If that fails, then — as before — you and I will stand in salute to our flag, and like our forefathers of old will pledge to our country our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

The Committee

The choice of JOSEPH P. FOLEY as Chairman of the Mass Committee was a happy one. He worked indefatigably for months in preparation for the event. Details are his everyday trade as director of a travel agency, and the mountainous ones incidental to the Field Mass were all foreseen and arranged. With him on the Committee, ED MILLER, BEN BOURN and JOE YACAVONE deserve much praise.

So many others contributed to the event that due to limited space it is not possible to mention them. Twenty-two organizations were represented in the Massing of Colors alone, which stood in serried ranks flanking the simple outdoor altar. The Mass Committee sent letters of thanks to individuals and organizations to the number of nearly one hundred.

There are a few that we cannot refrain from mentioning by name: The Park Department of Hartford, Mr. George Hollister, Supt., Mr. James Dillon and Mr. George Sullivan, Assistants; the W.P.A. Band, Messrs. Buse and Stevens, Conductor and Assistant, gave generous service.

A special need of thanks is due his Excellency the Bishop of Hartford, the priests of the Chancery Office and the Cathedral staff. To them we owe all the altar equipment and appointments. For the music of the Mass — Gregorian and Palestrina — we are indebted to the selected choir of St. Thomas Seminary under the direction of the Reverend Thomas F. Dennehy and the Reverend Harold F. Daly, organist, for the military music, the march played as the massed colors were advanced, to the Hartford Federal Band. The Reverend Thomas F. Stack makes us his debtor by his faultless performance as narrator for the Broadcasting Company.

The Field Mass was the concluding event of the Hartford Convention and we may conclude

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our account of it in the words of our new National Commander, JERRY D. O'LEARY, "This was the most beautiful ending of a National Convention we have ever had in the twenty years of existence of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association."

— Rev. THOMAS F. TEMPLE.

ED. Note: In the event of any possible questioning on the part of members why the usual non-sectarian service at YD Conventions was changed this year to one of a strictly sectarian nature; it may be pointed out that Protestant and Catholic clergymen succeed each other each year as National Chaplains of the Association, and this being true, it was felt eminently fair and suitable to grant the National Chaplain in office the right to conduct the services of his own church. The decision was made by the National Executive Committee, a body as non-sectarian as the Yankee Division itself.

"LES HORRIBLES" PARADE

Equalling last year's hitherto unparalleled success, the parade of Les Horribles on Friday night in Hartford jampacked the streets of the city with amused spectators. The following account is from the Hartford *Times:*

The police estimated that Thursday night 50,000 persons jammed Main St. and Asylum Sts. to see "Les Horribles" perform in the mock parade event of the YD convention.

The prize-winning "horribles" unit was the "Apremont Family" of Pawtucket, R. I. chapter, tricked out as one of the most impossible family circles ever seen on the road. Second prize went to the "Silk City Gals" of the Manchester YD in unofficial feminine uniforms of the day.

Third was the Oriental- appearing Springfield Chapter Drum Corps, while Comrade L. H. FLETCHER of Hartford took the individual prize with his polecat act, and the red-painted police patrol from Cleveland won for the chapter from that Ohio city the award to the outfit coming the greatest distance.

It was a great night, all night, in and around convention headquarters on Asylum St. Five horseback riders deployed from the "horribles" paraded into the lobby of the Hotel Bond, and long after midnight bonfires were burning on Asylum St., which called out the fire department five times.

DRUM CORPS AWARDS

Awards valued at $1200 were distributed to the various drum corps and bands for their contributions to the success of the big parade.

The Rau-Locke Post number eight of Hartford paced the senior drum corps for the best marching and playing prizes accumulating 97.4 points for the day's high, which, incidentally, kicked $150 into the Rau-Locke treasury for their projected Chicago trip in September. The P. F. Briggs Post of Thompsonville was second with 94 points and the Chester Fife and Drum Corps third with 92.25 points to earn $100 and $50 respectively.

Malden, Mass., Sacred Heart Drum Corps led the junior aggregations with 94.5 points worth $100 followed by the Boston YD Drum and Bugle Corps and the New Bedford YD Drum and Bugle Corps awarded prizes of $75 and $50 for their efforts.

Connecticut's First Governor's Foot Guard placed first for all bands for excellence in marching and playing which netted $150. The United States Coast Guard band of New London took second, for $100, followed by the Manchester Cornet Band in third place, worth $75.

For ladies corps, the Company D, 101st Engineers' Ladies Auxiliary was awarded the palm ($75) after gaining 96.7 points on the judges' score sheets. The Ladies Auxiliary Drum and Bugle Corps of Thompsonville netted 89.7 points for second place and $50. Third place went to the V. F. W. Girls Fife and Drum Corps of Thomaston, $25.

The same Company D, 101st Engineers Ladies Auxiliary won the $50 prize for having the best appearance in the parade.

The best appearing drum major's gold cup, donated by Perlmutter, Inc., went to the Providence, R. I. YD baton swinger.

Robert H. Van Deck, Francis Goodwin II, Albert Prince, E. L. Main, and Major Leo J. McCarthy, U. S. A., were the judges.

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THE BATTLE OF BUSHNELL MEMORIAL

The following story is condensed from a report printed in the Hartford *Times:*

When the history of the Yankee Division finally is written, it must not fail to devote a chapter to the Battle of Bushnell Memorial.

Though 20 years younger than Apremont, Seicheprey, Belleau Wood, St. Mihiel and all the rest, Bushnell will stick in the memories of the boys of the 26th as one of the most exciting features of their career — and the Hartford convention.

There were no casualties at Bushnell. But when Dr. Allen Stockdale, formerly of the Second Division (who ever heard of them?) started his verbal machine gunning, some of the boys grabbed for their tin hats. And there was groping for gas masks every time Al Reno entered the trench.

'U. S. Depression Is Foreign Luxury'

Doc Stockdale Bill Sundayized the vets and their supporting troops with a barrage of words that bent the ears of all. He shouted about America — "even a depression in America is a luxury anywhere else" — "the thumb of no dictator will ever point at Americans."

Ann Corio, Hartford's own Salvation Army lassie, came into the line of fire with a new act. She had clothes on. Her aide-de-camp was a fellow named Broun, who also spoke. He told about his hardships as a war correspondent and said something about democracy, brotherhood and tolerance. The YD boys already had heard about democracy.

Nine Old Men — and Girls

There were other girls and guys there. A gink named Lowell Thomas said he had nine old men with him. Everyone expected to see the Supreme Court without being declared unconstitutional, but the nine old men were unconstitutional — some of them were women. Heywood Broun's wife's sister was there. Some gal named Williams from Chicago radio was there. Another radio lassie was there. The Mademoiselle from Armentieres was not there. Or was she?

Billy Jones' Orchestra was good, too. But everyone forgot all about it when the Yankee Division Drum and Bugle Corps began to go over the top. And how it could go! Only a few weeks old, the corps is like an army corps. Musically and sartorially, the Young Darlings were the shock troops of the evening. The Young Darlings are sons and daughters of YD men, showing that the YD did something besides save the world for democracy.

It was a big evening and a real Broadway vaudeville show helped to make it so.

CERTIFICATES OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

In accordance with custom and the provisions of the Constitution, the Association this year recognized the outstanding service of certain men and women (not necessarily YD men) in the interest of the Association during the year by the award of the Certificate of Meritorious Service at the Convention.

Space will not permit the citation here of each recipient — just what he or she did to deserve the award. But one thing should be called to the attention of readers. There may be the name of some particularly outstanding man or men missing from the list; and you may say, "How come?" The story is that the Certificate is never (unless by mistake) awarded to one man twice; and the man or men you are thinking of has (or have) undoubtedly received it in some other year.

The names of those to receive the award this year are:

Governor Raymond E. Baldwin, Earl Bailey, J. Albert Banks, Clyde G. Beckwith, Benjamin A. Bourn, Dennis Brunton, August H. Chapman, Anthony J. Colombo, Frank W. Coppinger, Otis H. Culver, Charles W. Davis, Eugene Dugas.

Father Gannon, Joseph F. Gregoire, Gardiner H. Hall, Fred L. Jackson, Joseph F. Keeney, John J. Kelly, William M. Loring, J. Edward Malone, Judge William J. Malone, John R. Moran, Raymond P. North, Edward W. O'Meara.

DeWitt W. Page, Charles D. Perry, Harry T. Robertson, Nicholas Salvatore, Thomas J. Scott, Congressman James J. Shanley, Arthur P. Shea, Swan Engraving Co., John Suess, Emile Thibault, Gardiner C. Weld, Frederick Zeigler.

Anthony J. Rock, Fred T. Wilson, Kenneth Poulton, John W. Dunlap, Michael F.

Shea, Patrick F. Haggerty, Quincy B. Park, Wallace G. Duncan, Doran S. Lyons.

Senator Charles E. Wheeler, Senator Claude Mills, Representative Andrew Johnson, Representative William Thornton, Representative Daniel J. Mahaney, Representative Charles Harper.

George D. Thorndike, Eugene Gebo, Louis T. Dinneen, Edward L. Kelton, Michael Zaluki, Charles F. Leahy, George Taaffe, Armand P. Montminy, Joseph A. Donnelly, Edward LeBlanc, William J. McNulty, Anthony Guarino, Stillman F. Graves, Holman Stanchfield, Peter Perrault, Walter N. Smith, Frederick G. Hughes.

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS' GOLD BADGES

Commencing in 1935, it has been the custom of the Y.D.V.A. to present at each annual convention a Past National Commander's Medal to the outgoing Commander, and also to two of the earlier ones, with the object in view of eventually "catching up" so that each man who has held the office shall have such a medal.

In 1935, at the expiration of Bird Keach's term as Commander (it was "President" then), he and the first two commanders of the Association — Col. Charlie Stevens and Ben James were presented the medals. And so on each year, taking the outgoing commander, and the next two in seniority. A year ago, an extra one was struck off for the late Maj. Billy McGinnis, National President in 1928-1929; as his health was failing so rapidly that it was feared he might not be with us when 1939 rolled around. That surmise proved correct, and it is one of the happiest memories of the Association to recall the unbounded gratification afforded Bill when it was presented to him at the Adams Hospital.

One Past National President — John Goode, 1922-23 — has passed away since the medal was presented. Another unfortunately, died without ever receiving it — Col. Carroll Swan, 1930-31. In the general plan being followed out, this year his name would be one of the three to receive the medal. Rather than simply pass over his name, it was decided to have the medal cast and present it to his widow, whose interest in YD has never lessened since his untimely death, and who treasures each memory of his almost unbounded activities in the field of veteran affairs. At a suitable future occasion, the medal will be presented to Mrs. Swan.

The other two this year were General Cole, 1931-32; and of course, the outgoing Commander Ed Miller. As related elsewhere, General Cole was unable, for the first time on record, to be at the Convention. His medal will also be presented with suitable ceremonies.

Ed Miller had his pinned upon his breast at the Convention by P.N.C. Len Maloney, a trivial reward indeed — as in the case of all the others — for the work which earned it. Yet each Commander who has headed our Association prizes this little emblem highly among perhaps many, many others which he may have. Your Secretary knows that he, for one, would part with most anything rather than the one he has as Past National President by vote of the Providence Convention, although never actually holding the office.

There now remain but two of the "old timers" who have yet to receive this award. In 1940, God willing, Jerry O'Leary, Bill Brown and Col. Bill Blake will receive the medal, bringing things up to Bird Keach who already received his in 1935.

A few words might be in order about these medals themselves. Nearly every member has seen one or more. They are a replica in 10 k gold of the seal of the Association, except that the YD is on a slightly raise diamond imposed upon the circle. They may be awarded not only to Past National Commanders, but the Past Department and Chapter Commanders as well, by action of the Department or Chapter itself. But there is a distinguishing difference in the three ranks; National has a ribbon half blue, half O.D.; Departmental an all O.D. ribbon; Chapter an all blue ribbon. The bars across the ribbon are also different of course, stating which office has been held, the top bar reading either Past National Commander, Past Department Commander, or Past Chapter Commander. In the case of National, the lower bar gives the year in which the office was held; but in the case of Department or Chapter Commanders, it gives the name of the Department or Chapter, the date being inscribed on the reverse side of the medal itself under the name of its recipient.

The cost of the medal is approximately $14.00; and all Departments or Chapters which feel they can afford this much are urged to follow this uniform system rather than getting some specially designed sort of badge of their own. They can be ordered through National Hq., or directly from Whitehead & Hoag Co., Old South Bldg., Boston. This is not intended as a free ad, it is simply that they have the die and the specifications. In ordering direct, it would be well to specify the color ribbon, as they have been known to make mistakes. Better still, order through National Hq. The Y.D.V.A. doesn't make a cent on them.

AWARD OF TROPHIES

As he has for the past four or five years, P.N.C. LEN MALONEY again offered a silver trophy to the YD Chapter which, during the year should have established the most outstanding record for civic achievement. This trophy is known as the Major General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS' Trophy for Civic Achievement.

This was awarded this year to New York Chapter for its memorializing General EDWARDS' early career as military instructor at Fordham University by the placing of a bronze plaque on one of the Fordham buildings (as reported in detail in June, 1939, DOINGS). The presentation was made at the Saturday morning session, Maj. BOB DICKSON of New York Chapter receiving the trophy for Past Chapter Commander EDDIE NELSON under whose regime the project was accomplished.

Only one other trophy was awarded this year. It was given by the New Haven *Register*, and Hartford Chapter was the winner. Now the funny part is no one that your reporter has seen knows exactly what accomplishment decided the winner. GUY WATTS was acting as Secretary when it was awarded, and he says "he's damned if he knows." And the reporters for the Hartford newspapers merely report the award "for achievement unascertained at this writing." Hartford Chapter had many accomplishments upon which they might justly base a claim. They were the only one in the 300 or better class during the year except Boston. They staged the Convention. They furnished the National Commander. But if anyone knows which of these reasons or any other the award was based on, will they let DOINGS know.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

In such a vast enterprise as putting on a successful Annual Convention, it is an extremely difficult and ticklish business to pass the verbal bouquets to the proper persons and leave no one out. So, before we start, let it be said, that someone's name is bound to be left out, and the oversight is most certainly not intentional. So far as DOINGS has heard, everbody did the task assigned to them, and did it well. So for a few citations:

To Past National Commander ED MILLER, for as true and unselfish a year of work as the Y.D.V.A. has ever known. Not only for the remarkable results achieved in the two important fields of membership and finance; but for the plane of sincerity and high ideals upon which he has conducted the affairs of the Association. For the hours and the dollars he has given; for buckling manfully and uncomplainingly to the almost unbearable burden of the final two months of his term; during which time the pace became too hot for his National Secretary who fell by the wayside. For being not only a splendid Commander, but a MAN whose every word and act were *sans peur et sans reproche.*

To Convention General Chairman BEN BOURN, who, with the able assistance of his cohorts of committeemen, "put on" a Convention to rank with the biggest and best. No one but Ben will know what the details were which were brought to him for final settlement, the head-aches and the heart-aches, the tiredness and the weariness, the never-fading grin, the efficient hand on the throttle.

To every last one of his committee heads and committeemen — he knows who they were better than we — who never "let him down."

To the outgoing officers who performed their tasks so nobly during the year: FRANK COPPINGER, LEA REDFIELD, HAROLD SMITH, Father TEMPLE, HARRY BUGBEE, LARRY COOK, HARRY ROBERTSON, and all the Department Commanders.

To GUY WATTS, for stepping into the breach

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when the National Secretary was laid low, and carrying on the preparations for the paper work of the Convention, the membership statistics, and all the miscellaneous odd jobs of the Secretary's desk, in addition to his own as Secretary and manager of the YD Club of Boston — a truly heroic job of work.

And to those who assisted him: "CHICK" MEADE in typing reports, etc., BILL ALLEN who took the minutes of the Convention; Earl Norlin, the lad who for the past three or four years has been the Secretary's right-hand man during the pre- and post-Convention rush, and who this year, took part of his own vacation time to attend the Convention though a non-YD man (he was only about four years old at the time of the war) to go to Hartford and handle the membership desk; MARTY TAYLOR, always ready and willing for any job he is called upon to perform.

To PAUL HINES, RAY ROSSEEL, TED NOYES, LEA REDFIELD and others who went to bat to get out the June issue of YANKEE DOINGS.

To the National Commander-elect JERRY O'LEARY, for waging a clean fight to win the high office to which he was elected.

And to those who fought the good fight with him and for him: Past National Commanders LEN MALONEY and AL HERMAN, and BEN PITMAN of the Nominating Committee.

Yes, and while we're at it: to those who battled in what turned out to be a lost cause. After all, their motive was loyalty to a friend. To P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE, and his campaign committee for the election of TED NOYES.

To BEN JAMES, who, acting as President (if- "President - is - good - enough - for - Roosevelt - it's - good - enough - for - JAMES) of the YD Club of Boston, took his courage in his hands, and invited the Twenty-First Annual Convention to Boston in 1940.

This list is far, far, from complete. It takes more than a dozen or two men to make a great Convention. To old Jawn Buck Private — down there in the ranks — who was instructed to get ads for the Convention Program, or the best price on badges, or to line up a program for the ceremonies at Newington, or to appear before the Connecticut legislature and battle for an appropriation, or simply to get up on the Convention floor and speak his honest convictions: to one and to all — the YD accolade of unselfish service in order that his comrades might have a grand time.

SOME OF THE MEN WHO DID THE WORK

DOINGS is unable to give credit to every last man in Hartford who put his shoulder to the wheel to make the Convention the success it was. The best we can do is list the chairmen of the various sub-committees.

The officers of the Convention Corporation were as follows:

President, CHARLES D. PERRY; Vice President, WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN; Secretary, WALLACE H. GLADWIN; Treasurer, J. CARL SHULTHIESS; Assistant Secretary, DONALD L. FORBES; Judge Advocate, Judge VINE R. PARMELEE.

Board of Directors: WILLIAM T. E. BARBER, BENJAMIN A. BOURN, PAUL J. CARAVATT, JOHN C. CARTER, JOHN J. COSTELLO, HAROLD W. ELLINGWOOD, WILSON S. FALLS, JOHN M. FAY, JOSEPH P. FOLEY, DONALD L. FORBES, WALLACE H. GLADWIN, HARRY GOODWIN, JOHN J. GOSS, CECIL A. HEDGES, EDGAR F. MILLER, VINE R. PARMELEE, CHARLES D. PERRY, HARRY T. ROBRTSON, J. CARL SHULTHIESS, EDWARD A. STILLMAN, WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN.

The General Convention Committee was as follows:

General Chairman, BENJAMIN A. BOURN.

Vice Chairmen: WILSON S. FALLS, JOHN M. FAY, HARRY GOODWIN, HARRY T. ROBERTSON, JOSEPH P. FOLEY.

The Chairmen of sub-committees were as follows: Badges-Envelopes, CECIL L. HEDGES; Military Ball, JOHN J. COSTELLO; Churches and Fraternal Orders, JOHN A. BENSON; Conn. State Dep't., RAYMOND B. KINCAID; Decorations, JOHN R. EDWARDS; Distinguished Guests, EDWARD W. O'MEARA; Drum Corps-Music, THOMAS W. O'CONNOR; Entertainment, ARTHUR B. NIELSEN; Finance, JOHN M. FAY; First Aid-Safety, Dr. JAMES MALONSON; Flag Day, JOHN J. GOSS; Horribles Parade, PAUL J. CARAVATT; Housing, WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN; Information-Liaison, HERBERT E. NELSON.

Parade, Col. JOSEPH P. NOLAN; Parking, THOMAS B. CAREY; Program Finance, Col. MICHAEL A. CONNOR; Program Printing, AN-

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DREW J. RIGA; Publicity, JOHN J. GOSS; Registration, HARRY T. ROBERTSON; Reunions, JAMES L. YACAVONE; Transportation, JOHN J. CURTIN; Veterans Organizations, HAROLD W. ELLINGWOOD; Ways and Means, CHARLES D. PERRY; Welfare Fund, PHILIP H. MORIARTY.

The six New England Governors and Mayor Thomas J. Spellacy of Hartford comprises the Honorary Chairmen of the Convention.

BOSTON IN 1940 ! !

Upon the invitation of President (if - "President" - is - good - enough - for - Roosevelt - its - good - enough - for - JAMES) BEN JAMES of the YD Club of Boston, it was voted to hold the Twenty-First Annual YD Convention in Boston in 1940.

Personally, from ye Sec's own selfish point of view, we wish it had been Timbuctoo instead of Boston. A Convention provides work enough for Nat. Hq. even when the actual plans are in the hands of a group in some other city. But when we're in the midst of it — WOW! However, as stated, that's only the selfish point of view. As a matter of cold fact, we've grown up to Boston's size. Conventions have been getting better and bigger. And now for one in the home-town — the birthplace of the Twenty-Sixth Division. In New England's metropolis! Gosh knows, if chapters of 100 or 200 can swing it, one of 600 or 700 ought to have no trouble.

But it's going to mean Work with a capital W. And work for every last man of the Boston Club. In future issues, BEN JAMES will reveal his plans as they develop. DOINGS has heard a few of them, but doesn't feel at liberty to divulge them here. One suggestion we will toss out — just to see how readers feel about it. It has been suggested that the big parade be held on Sunday, the final day of the Convention, rather than the usual Saturday. There are two principal reasons for this suggested change: first, probably more people would come into town and look on; second, the merchants would be more likely to co-operate with us (and, boy, that counts), if their Saturday trade wasn't interfered with. Anyhow, how does it strike you? More from time to time.

OUR NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

JERRY D. O'LEARY, National Commander of the Y.D.V.A., served in D Co., 101st Engineers; the only company to DOINGS' knowledge which has provided two National Commanders, the late Col. CARROLL SWAN, the company commander being the other one.

In the field of Y.D.V.A. affairs, his outstanding accomplishment was as General Chairman of the highly successful National Convention in Providence in 1938. It was due largely to his efforts that certain appropriations were forthcoming which made the Providence Convention a financial as well as social success; and it might be said that it was his courage as a single individual that the Convention that year went to Providence. He came to Portland in 1937, and went home with the next year's convention in his pocket; with not much more than crossed fingers and a rabbit's foot to work on.

This isn't to belittle the grand work done by ED MARA, LARRY COOK, HOWARD HUNT and a host of others in putting the project over. But Jerry had the nerve to sell the proposition and he had a lot to do with raising the do-re-mi.

He represented the Y.D.V.A. officially, by appointment from ED MILLER, at the Los Angeles Convention of the American Legion.

With his ingenuity at devising activities, his ability at organization, the Association expects with confidence another record-breaking year. But he will need the help of every one of us. And if we know the Y.D.V.A. the way we think we do, he will receive it from every one of us.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

The Reunion Dinners of old outfits are always the hardest part of any Convention to report — as one man can't visit all of them. This year it is doubly hard, as your editor wasn't even in Hartford, and few if any have sent in written accounts.

But judging by word-of-mouth stories from "those who came back", many swell reunions were held, big ones and little ones — filled with song and story. If before this issue goes to the printer any accounts come to hand, we'll print 'em.

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A la the late lamented O. O. McIntyre

The unsuccessful campaign for Noyes for National Commander — Noyes stickers appearing, disappearing, and reappearing everywhere — the two slogans: "Make noise for Noyes" and "Quiet the Noyes" — the attendance Saturday morning at the Convention meeting — YD men present who never attended a business meeting before, although present at past Conventions — the close vote, 294 to 237 — the grand show at the Memorial Building — the "Horribles" — Boston's horsemen — Riley's horse sitting down in the Bond Hotel lobby — Sullivan's exhibition of equestriennism on Main Street — the drugstore cowboy from "Colorado" with the straight legs — a sombrero sure does things for you — the ball at the old Guard Armory — fancy dress, military dress, and what not — nicely decorated too — the street fires Friday night — never saw them at a YD Convention before — plenty water used by the local fire laddies — one comment overheard: "where I come from, they 'spit' on a fire like that and put it out" — the usual milling crowd until the wee small hours — stopping automobiles, etc. — the Cleveland gang with their fancy painted patrol wagon — clanging bell and shreiking siren — All the way from Ohio with no number plates and got stopped in Hartford — OK though — stopped by a YD gendarme — the Hofbrau, the fun and beer there.

Perley Knight's speech to the delegates there — the only engineer to down a German plane according to Col. Blake — the Italian-American club after hours when "Pop" Riley and his "Junior" had many a laugh — my, but "Junior" wears a big hat — decorated by the Women's Relief Corps too — a member of the 192nd Field Artillery decorated Riley, Sullivan, Johnson, and Varnam, there — no, not with shiners — wonder how he looked at roll call with no ornaments on his uniform — the colorful parade Saturday afternoon — Old Sol making the perspiration run profusely — six miles and a hill on the end of it — the fancy outfits and the Junior Drum Corps — pleasant comments overheard along the line of march — the exercises at Newington Hospital — the flag of living flowers dedicated to the hospital.

The unveiling of the unknown soldier who turned out to be from Lynn Chapter — you cannot beat Lynn — remember the fancy high diver at Portland in '32 — the little bird in the tree at the assembly point of the parade who bore a grudge against YD men — he scored four perfect bullseyes that are known of — the wonderful finale Sunday — the outdoor memorial services and the parade of colors — the chisellers and panhandlers everpresent at all conventions — not to mention the town rowdies who welcome the chance to do damage and raise hell when they know someone else will get the blame — must not overlook the ladies — the YD ones — who lent charm and beauty to the gay time — missed from the platform at the business meetings, our National Secretary PHIL SANBORN — also our sympathy to TED and Julie — last but not least — the beautiful convention medal with the most useful gift of any convention committee — the tie clasp with the YD in the diamond — to the Committee — a good job well done — to National Commander JERRY O'LEARY — success to you in the coming year — "CARRY ON" — to our next at Boston.

— "MUSCLES."
(Lynn Chapter).

FLORAL FLAG DEDICATED AT NEWINGTON HOSPITAL

As one of the scheduled events of the YD Convention, many hundreds of conventioneers journeyed out to Newington Hospital on Friday afternoon, where a floral flag, beautifully executed in vari-colored flowers was dedicated, and will doubtless become a permanent feature of the hospital grounds, being renewed from year to year.

ED O'MEARA did a masterly job as master of ceremonies, Maj. Tom Bannigan, manager of the hospital, Nat. Commander ED MILLER, Rev. DAN STRICKLAND and the Rev. Harold Burden participated in the ceremonies.

As a treat to the boys in the hospital, many of whom were able to be out, and many more at the windows, OTIS CULVER of New York Chapter, presented the entertainment group of the Women's Overseas Service League. The calibre of talent displayed by this group of comrades of ours was described a few months ago in an account of the show they gave at one of the New York Chapter meetings.

THE CONVENTION

THE CONVENTION BADGE

An innovation was offered this year in a YD tie-clasp with each Convention badge. The badge itself was a beautiful choice, and reflects credit on the badge committee.

THAT CLEVELAND GANG !

Yeh, they got there — to Hartford we mean. The papers say there were twelve of them, which is eleven more than last year when FRED FLAHAVAN was the lone representative. How did they make the trip? *You* guess! In a patrol wagon. They bought it for ten smackers, and drove it from Cleveland smack into the heart of Hartford *without a damn license plate to be seen.* To be sure, there was enough other reading matter on the thing, from roof to fenders one could glean a very fair summary of the whole history of the YD.

Just one of the escapades perpetrated by the gay charioteers of this punitive juggernaut was the kidnapping of Lowell Thomas from the Nine Old Men's Soft Ball game on Thursday afternoon, when they drove on the field with a couple of Keystone Kops, tossed Lowell aboard and raced away. (He had to keep a radio engagement anyhow, and they delivered him there.)

Wot a gang!

Other out-of-New England chapters represented were Detroit by PETE SADY and JACK GUITTAUD, Washington by darn near the whole chapter, and of course a big delegation from New York. DOINGS hasn't learned whether Chicago, St. Louis, Denver or Los Angeles were represented; but as we go through the newspapers we may find out.

CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOKLET

With all possible respect to the beautiful jobs turned out by New Haven, Worcester and Providence, DOINGS ventures the opinion that the Souvenir Program handed out to registrants this year at Hartford has 'em all stopped.

As to how much do-re-mi it netted, we don't know. But there are 45 full pages of ads, plus the two inside covers and the back outside cover — 48 pages in all; ranging from G. Fox and Co's full back cover spread to dozens of little spaces not more than a half-inch high. The total issue contains 76 pages, including covers, plus a loose leaf portrait of General EDWARDS for framing.

The contents are a veritable treasure chest for YD members to look back to in future years. The front cover is a portrait of General EDWARDS. Just inside this is repeated on a loose sheet, without any lettering.

Other features are: a page of greetings from the National Commander; the service record of General EDWARDS; a seven page article on the city of Hartford, with 17 beautiful illustrations; the names of the Convention Committee and subchairmen, with pictures of President CHARLES PERRY and Chm. BEN BOURN; the Program of the four day Convention and a map of the parade route; the order of procedure of the business sessions; a center two-page spread of the pictures of all the National officers; the roster of the Hartford Junior YD Drum and Bugle Corps; a five page history of the Yankee Division in France, with 13 illustrations; a four page history of the Y.D.V.A. with three illustrations; a re-print of an article appearing years ago in YANKEE DOINGS on "The Man Who Won the War." All in all, a magnificent job.

ADD CONVENTION VISITORS

Miss Peggy Henderson of Montreal was the guest of Ann Carr of Weymouth at the Hartford Convention; both later visiting the YD Club of Boston.

YD COMMENDED BY HARTFORD CITY GOVERNMENT

Members of the 1939 Convention Board were much pleased to receive a resolution of commendation from the Hartford Court of Common Council. It reads as follows:

June 27, 1939

This certifies that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council held June 26, 1939, the following resolution was passed, by unanimous rising vote and was approved by His Honor, the Mayor, June 27, 1939.

Whereas, The National Convention of the Yankee Division, held in Hartford from June 22 to June 25, 1939, was so well conducted, and

Wheras, it featured such inspiring functions as the dedication of the Floral Flag at the Veterans' Hospital, the fine parade through our City and the Memorial Mass at the Music Shell in Bushnell Park, therfore,

Be It Resolved, That this Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford, in behalf of all of our citizens, hereby thanks the Y.D.V.A. and wishes them Godspeed and success in all of their future efforts.

Attest: John A. Gleason,
City Clerk.

THE CONVENTION

It might be pleasing to all YD men to read in YANKEE DOINGS that the City of Hartford has thanked them for their conduct and attendance.

— WALLACE GLADWIN,
Sec., Conv. Comm.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE CONVENTION

It is next to impossible to get into print the thousand and one little incidents of a Convention that happen on the streets, in the hotel lobbies, in eating places, here, there and everywhere; who was where, and what they said and what they did.

DOINGS makes no attempt at it. The Hartford papers did a grand job on these lines; but after all each man (and woman) sees a different convention from each other one. Each remembers some little event or occurrence which meant a lot to him or her. Those are the things that never find their way into print. And the only way to get the thrill of them is to be there.

BUGBEE WARNS AGAINST "SEEING GHOSTS IN THE DAYTIME"

The Annual Report of YD Americanism Officer HARRY BUGBEE, drew front page headlines in the Hartford papers. He warned the YD not to be like Gen. George Van Horn Moseley, seeing a Communist behind every lamp post. Said he, "If and when the time comes, the YD will fight; meanwhile let's retain our mental balance."

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Y. D. V. A.

The first meeting of the National Executive Committee under the new national administration will be held at Springfield, Mass., on Sunday, August 6, following the regular monthly meeting of the Department of Massachusetts.

The National Commander will install the Department Officers.

THE WHOLE YD EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHY

Past Commander TED NOYES of the Department of Massachusetts, a candidate for National Commander at the Hartford Convention, suffered a double blow during the Convention. His defeat has been recorded. But he was unable to attend the closing days of the Convention because of the death of his wife's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Fegreus.

To TED, and even more particularly to Julie, DOINGS and all its readers extend their heartfelt sympathy.

A SEDATE HARTFORD SCHOOL TEACHER'S SLANT ON A YD CONVENTION

By "Doozum Busch"

On June twenty-third to Hartford town
Came YD boys from all aroun',
From Worcester and Boston and even Lynn,
To meet old buddies and raise some din.

They varied in stature, in color and hair,
In two things excelling — to drink and to swear;
Some bent on pleasure, just innocent fun
That caused sedate lassies to laugh, scream or run.

Some wanted the women to join them in song,
To drink up their liquor, carouse all night long;
Some acted quite foolish, some very unwise,
All on a tear — most without wives.

Be that as it may, they convened for a cause:
To honor lost comrades and reverently pause,
To pray God Almighty there never need be
Another such conflict for world's liberty.

YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Yes, that "Inc." is right. After lo, these many years, the Association has gotten around to incorporating, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. During the course of the past year the National Executive Committee voted such action; and the National Judge Advocate, HAROLD SMITH has filed the necessary documents.

The principal purpose of incorporating a non-profit making organization is to remove from any individual member thereof personal liability for any debt which might accrue. (We hope none ever will.)

Because of the fact that the majority of the Board of Directors as named in the Articles of Incorporation must be (by law) Massachusetts men; the following officers and Board of Directors were chosen from among the National officers of the Association during the year just past (during which period the papers were filed.): President, EDGAR F. MILLER (Conn.); Treasurer, LEANDER H. REDFIELD (Mass.); Secretary, PHILIP N. SANBORN (Mass.); Directors: the three officers and Rev. THOMAS F. TEMPLE (N. Y.); HAROLD J. SMITH (Mass.); FRANK W. COPPINGER (Mass.); HARRY W. BUGBEE (Vt.); LAURENCE H. COOK (R. I.); EDWIN J. NOYES (Mass.).

LT. GENERAL EDWARD L. LOGAN

One of Massachusetts' most distinguished citizens; one of the Yankee Division's most famous wartime leaders; one of the best known and best

Lt. General Edward L. Logan

loved of those figures who fill a place in the life of their community which can never quite be refilled, passed away on July 6th, when Lt. General EDWARD L. LOGAN, former Commanding Officer of the 101st Infantry, later Commanding General of the Twenty-Sixth Division, M.N.G., died at the Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital, in his 65th year.

As a Soldier

Gen. LOGAN was born in South Boston, Mass., son of Col. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, on January 30, 1875. His father was colonel of the old Ninth Massachusetts, to which he himself later assumed command before it was merged with the Fifth Massachusetts under his command to become the 101st Infantry. Three of his uncles were also officers in the regiment. His brother, Francis V. Logan, has since commanded the regiment.

He enlisted as a private in the Ninth, successfully going all the way up through the ranks to become Colonel of the regiment in 1912, in the meantime serving in the Spanish-American War in 1898.

His service as Commander of the 101st Infantry in France is too well known to all YD men to need reviewing here. If not, may we recommend reading any one of the histories of the Division. An attempt was made to smirch his record: it was unsuccessful, he brought his regiment home in triumph.

Following the war, upon the reorganization of the National Defense, Col. LOGAN became Maj. Gen. LOGAN, first C.G. of the post war Twenty-Sixth Division, M.N.G., a post which he filled from 1923 until obliged by law to retire. Upon retirement, the rank of Lieut. General was conferred upon him, the first in the history of Massachusetts. In 1923 he served as President of the National Guard Association of the United States.

As a Veteran

Gen. LOGAN was the first Department Commander of the American Legion in Massachusetts, during the trying early days. He has been a member of every veteran body to which he was eligible continuously at all times. His interest in the veteran from the highest to the lowest is well attested by Col. BLAKE'S statement that scarcely a day passed without a phone call from him to the Veterans Administration "to try to do all you can to help out so-and-so."

As a Jurist

The general's early education was in Boston Latin School. At Harvard University, he was president of the Harvard Dramatic Club, the Harvard Catholic Club and founded the first college Democratic paper in the country. His studies were interruped by the Spanish-American War, after the conclusion of which, he graduated from Harvard Law School.

He was appointed an Associate Judge of the South Boston Municipal Court by Governor Curtis Guild, and in 1914, Governor David I. Walsh made him presiding justice. Of his "tempering of justice with mercy" there are many who can testify. In an uncanny way, he knew who deserved the "breaks" they pled for and who did not.

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COLONEL FRANK M. HUME

A man who, among the men of his regiment, indeed among all others as well who had the rare privilege of his acquaintance, was looked upon with that same mixture of esteem and genuine "love" as characterized our deep emotion toward General EDWARDS, has passed on, leaving one more blank file in the ranks of the Yankee Division, which no file — closer may ever close.

Col. FRANK M. HUME, wartime Commanding Officer of the 103rd Infantry, died in Houlton, Maine on June 6, 1939, following an attack of angina pectoris.

It is a source of deepest regret to YANKEE DOINGS that details of Col. HUME's life as a soldier and a foremost citizen of Maine, are unavailable for quotation here in anything like the profusion of information furnished by the Boston newspapers upon the life of the late General LOGAN, from which sources the obituary of the latter was compiled as it appears in this issue.

As a Soldier

The early beginnings of Col. HUME's military career are unknown to YANKEE DOINGS. He was born in Bridgewater, Maine, near Houlton, and educated at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He served during the Spanish-American War as a Captain in the First Maine Artillery; later becoming Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Infantry, Maine National Guard, and served on the Mexican Border in 1916. In the fall of 1917, he went to France with the Twenty-Sixth Division as Colonel of the 103rd Infantry composed largely of Maine and New Hampshire troops. His record as regimental commander brought him the Distinguished Service Medal and the Croix de Guerre. Again, as in the case of Gen. LOGAN, an attempt was made by G.H.Q. to attach blame to his conduct of the regiment. And again the charges failed and he was returned to his regiment, bringing it home in 1919. Since the war, so far as is known to this article, the colonel has taken no active part in military affairs, but has always been "the old man" to the boys of the 103rd, who have bestowed many honors upon him, the most recent of which was the unveiling of a portrait in the State House at Augusta in June, 1938; at which time a great testimonial banquet was tendered him by the Department of Maine, American Legion.

As a Public Figure

Col. HUME served as Postmaster at Houlton for three terms under Presidents McKinley and

Colonel Frank M. Hume

Theodore Roosevelt. In 1924 he announced his candidacy for the U. S. Senate, but later withdrew. From 1927 to 1933 he served as Collector of Customs in Portland, a "port of entry" taking in territory as far north as Father Point, Que. In 1936, he sought the nomination for Congress unsuccessfully. As a staunch Republican, he failed to gain re-appointment with the accession of the Democratic party in the Federal government, and retired to Houlton, where he has since engaged in banking and insurance. He had long been a widower and is survived by two daughters. At the time of his death he was a director of the Farmers National Bank, and a trustee of the Houlton Savings bank.

The Funeral

Funeral services, attended by more than 2000

persons, were held in the Unitarian Church in Houlton on June 8th. The Reverend Arthur Moore conducted the funeral services. The guard of honor consisted of I Co., 103rd Infantry from Millinocket.

The right section of the church was occupied by military organizations, the left half seated the civilian organizations.

The flag-draped casket mounted on a funeral caisson was escorted to the cemetery by the state police, 152nd Field Artillery band of Bangor, Col. HUME's private stand of colors, with battle streamers under a color guard of Co. I, 103rd Infantry, Co. I, Millinocket, Capt. Ernest Perrow commanding, 1st battalion, 152nd F. F., Maj. George W. Putnam of Fort Fairfield commanding; honorary pall bearers in cars; caisson with flag-draped casket; with active bearers on each side; family and relatives of the deceased; directors of the Houlton banks; Houlton council, distinguished guests; American Legion members from various posts of Maine; Canadian veterans; Legion auxiliary; customs and immigration officers; local units; Sons of Legion. .

Among the distinguished military men here were Col. Edward J. Quinn, Portland, national vice commander of the American Legion; Col. Frank Lowe, Portland, department commander of the Legion; Gen. JAMES W. HANSON, Augusta, adjutant general of the Maine National Guard; Col. HERBERT L. BOWEN, Bangor, commanding the 152nd Field Artillery; Maj. JOHN W. HEALEY, Augusta, chief of the Maine State Police, representing Col. SPAULDING BISBEE of the 103rd Infantry; Lieut. Colonel John F. Choate Winslow, representing the adjutant general, and in charge of the military arrangements; General ALBERT GREENLAW, Augusta; Col. Charles W. Savage, Augusta; Col. William C. Goodwin, retired, Augusta; Major Elliott C. Goodwin, Augusta.

Dr. Frederick W. Mitchell, member of the executive council, represented Gov. Lewis O. Barrows.

Honorary bearers were: Maj. HEALEY, Col. BOWEN, Col. SOUTHARD, Gen. HANSON, Douglass Winslow, Col. Bull, Maj. Ford, Gen. COLE and Murdock McKay.

Active bearers from Co. L 103rd Infantry, all of whom served under Col. HUME in the World War were: A. E. HOLDEN, ROBERT H. KEITH, CLEMENT CARROLL, WELLIE DUNPHY, GEORGE D. STONE and ALVAH D. WHITE.

Personal Reminiscences

The editor of YANKEE DOINGS recalls infrequent but most pleasurable contacts with Col. HUME. In 1929, he was one of those who made the pilgrimage to Belleau, France, and it was he who placed the State of Maine flag in its place within the YD Memorial Chapel there. With Gen. COLE and the late Col. CARROLL SWAN, he enjoyed visiting the old sectors — yes, and some of the old familiar cafes — as much as the young fellows not much more than half his age.

Not more than three or four years ago, it was our good fortune to visit him at his home in Houlton, during a vacation trip up that way; and his unbounded joy that a YD man from so far away as Boston had troubled to hunt him up called forth a most unusual form of hospitality. Though it was only about 9:30 in the morning, nothing would do but we must drink a bottle of Cointreau together; a treasured bottle which he had brought back — not in 1929 — but in 1919, from France.

Perhaps the way all his friends feel is best summed up in the words of Col. BOWEN, who served under him in all his campaigns. "I wish I could find the words to express what is in my heart. There could have been no braver soldier, no finer gentleman, no truer friend. Maine will always cherish his memory."

To which may it be added, the Yankee Division will always cherish his memory.

GEN. LOGAN

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In Politics

Gen. LOGAN served in the old Boston Common Council in 1899 and 1900. Through the two following years, he served as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. In 1906 he served in the Massachusetts Senate. He was defeated by a few hundred votes for the Democratic nomination for Congress. After that, although often urged to run for Mayor of Boston or Governor of Massachusetts, he steadfastly declined elective office.

As a Business Man

Prior to his elevation to the bench, Gen. LOGAN practised law; and in fact had retained his office as an attorney up until the time of his death. His wide popularity and the esteem in which he has been held by literally thousands of friends have led him into other successful business ventures. Appointed by Governor Curley in 1930, he served a five-year term as manager of the White Fund, a post salaried at $20,000 a year. He was a director of the Federal National Bank of Boston, of the Logan Company of Brockton, and the Lomac Company of Natick,

a director of the Mt. Washington Co-operative Bank.

As a Churchman

In 1929, Pope Pius made Gen. LOGAN a Knight of the Order of Malta for distinguished service to the Roman Catholic Church.

His Family Life

Gen. LOGAN was married in 1920 to Miss Cecilia Mullen of Waltham, Mass. They had three children, Patricia E., 15; Catherine Mary, and Edward L. Jr. Although always maintaining a legal residence in South Boston, the family has spent much of the time, especially in the summer at their home on Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Marrying relatively late in life, it was the General's ambition to see his three children educated and well established in life, a goal he did not live to realize.

As a Citizen

The columns of copy appearing daily in the metropolitan newspapers from the time of Gen. LOGAN'S first attack of illness until after his burial, well attest the position he held in the forefront of Massachusetts citizens.

The Funeral

Funeral services were held on Monday morning, July 10, from Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston, the deceased's brother, the Reverend Leo J. Logan of Star of the Sea Church, Marblehead, celebrating solemn requiem Mass. Not one tenth part of the vast throngs who attempted to pay him their last tribute could even approach the church, much less enter it.

The entire 101st Infantry, M.N.G. formed the funeral escort, under command of Col. Paul G. Kirk. Battery C., 101st Field Artillery, and a troop of the 110th Cavalry also formed a part of the cortege, in which the General's horse, draped in black with boots and sabre reversed marched riderless. Delegations from the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, the YD Club of Boston, the Knights of Malta, and a score of other organizations fell in line. The body rode upon a flag draped caisson.

Active pall bearers were: U. S. Senator David I. Walsh, Gen. CHARLES H. COLE, Frank D. Comerford, Arthur V. Grimes, Daniel J. Lyne, Col. THOMAS F. MURPHY, Gen. JOHN D. SHERBURNE, and Col. Thomas F. Sullivan.

The list of Honorary pall bearers would nearly fill this issue of YANKEE DOINGS: Governors of states, U. S. Senators and Congressmen, the great and near-great of the military world joined in final tribute to the man each and every one of them knew best as "Eddie."

THE WORK OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

S'nce 1936 the office of National Historian has been added to the list of National Officers and this office was created for the purpose of making a collection of newspaper clippings from all activities of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

RAY KINCAID of New Britain, LEROY CODDING of Keene, N. H. and LAURENCE H. COOK of Cranston, R. I., past national historians, have done a grand job in compiling the conventions during their administrations. But I know there is plenty missing from the National Historians' Books that should be in it.

On a recent visit to the National Headquarters my first thought was to find some collections of events in the past, and tucked away were a dozen or more scrap books showing the return home of the 26th to Boston and many other events that followed soon after. I knew that any YD man would be glad to look these over. So I was told that a set of shelves would be built, and any YD man making a visit there could look over all these books.

On receiving notice of General EDWARD L. LOGAN'S death, I made a visit and attended the funeral.

I was able to make all collections of the papers in Boston and have these to enter in the history book.

Being busy with activities during the Hartford Convention I have not been able to get accounts of Col. HUME'S death and I would appreciate if some member from Maine would send me some of these clippings.

I want to show my appreciation for the work that TOMMY CROKAN, of Springfield, is doing. Several times he has sent me clippings of some YD doings that have been going on at Springfield.

It is my desire to set up a book by States, so get busy fellows and make your state look big in this book.

Perhaps some chapters can outshine others in the state. I'll welcome them all. Stick me if you can. I'm a glutton for punishment. Send them to National Historian JOHN J. GOSS, 31 Brownell Ave., Hartford, Conn.

— J. J. G.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

When the June issue of YANKEE DOINGS went to press the Association had 2339 paid up members. At press time this issue we are hovering on the brink of the 3000 mark. Oddly enough, we can't give you the absolutely exact figure. The numerical record shows that 2996 cards have been issued; but in one way or another (and it's not to be wondered at during the Convention rush) six of these have failed to be properly accredited to their respective chapter; so that a summation of the Chapter totals comes to only 2990. When and if a slack moment comes, the error will be found and the corrections made. In the meantime, 3000 is 60% of the mark P.N.C. ED MILLER set for LAST year, when we ended with over 4200 of a goal of 5000. JERRY O'LEARY has ambitiously set 7500, which means we now have only 40% of that goal. No need to say more!

Gosh all hemlock! Maine and Vermont sure need some stirring up. 72 in the Pine Tree State and 67 in the home of Maple Sugar. That's shameful, in the words of Andy, "it's regustin'." BILL LOVE and JOE ABAIR, the Department Commanders in question, have a job ahead of them, or have the two states seceded from the YD as well as the Union? (No sting intended in that one — it's so stale it stinks.) But Joe and Bill will have some travelling 'round to do. As inspiration, look at GENE DUGAS' record in New Hampshire last year, for which he was re-elected to the same job. Gene knew what it was going to take, and he rolled up his sleeves and burned up the roads.

The standing, subject to the correction mentioned above is given in the adjoining column.

ARMY AND NAVY LEGION OF VALOR

The Army and Navy Legion of Valor held its Convention this year in New York City on July 6, 7, 8 and 9. DOINGS has received no account of the YD men present (we have plenty in this distinguished outfit), but if RALPH ROBART or BEN JAMES or AL HERMAN or JIM CRESSWELL were over there, perhaps they'll give us a bit of the YD slant on things.

CONGRATULATIONS

JOSEPH J. GAVIN, D.S.C. (E Co., 104th Inf.) was married on June 19 in New York City to Miss Elizabeth Blake. The couple are spending the honeymoon in Europe.

DEPT. OF ME.	
Augusta	3
Cumberland Co.	9
Farmington	15
Lewiston	21
Skowhegan	6
At Large	18
TOTAL	72

DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	24
Franklin	13
Keene	29
Manchester	74
Nashua	40
Triangle	17
At Large	12
TOTAL	209

DEPT. OF VT.	
Bellows Falls	0
Brattleboro	21
Burlington	0
Montpelier	19
Rutland	17
Springfield	2
At Large	8
TOTAL	67

DEPT. OF MASS.	
Attleboro	4
Beverly	32
Boston	441
Brockton	14
Clinton	1
Danvers	18
Fitchburg	54
Haverhill	39
Holyoke	5
Lowell	62
Lynn	139
Marlborough	11
Milford	19
New Bedford	40
Northampton	5
Salem	37
Springfield	33
Webster-Dudley	18
Worcester	118
At Large	60
TOTAL	1150

DEPT. OF R. I.	
Kent County	22
Pawtucket	68
Providence	148
TOTAL	238

DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	23
Bristol	92
Hartford	256
Manchester	70
Meriden	28
Middletown	18
New Britain	62
New Haven	102
New London	33
Norwalk	25
Stamford	29
Terryville	20
Torrington	30
Valley	33
Wallingford	21
Waterbury	21
Willimantic	42
At Large	7
TOTAL	912

DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	14
Cleveland	28
Denver	10
Detroit	25
Los Angeles	8
New York	130
St. Louis	10
Washington	23
At Large	94
TOTAL	342

GRAND TOTAL	2990

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

The first thing I want to do is to congratulate the Hartford Convention Committee for putting on the best Convention the YD has ever held. The Military Mass particularly was a perfect climax. Nice going, BEN.

Now that the fun is over for another year, and the regular routine must get under way again, please remember that there is no let up for your Officers. They must keep going and I am going to ask all of you Comrades to attend all the meetings you possibly can. That is one of the ways to show the Officers you elected, from the lowest Chapter Officers to National Commander, that you are supporting them.

This year should be the best year that the old YD has ever had. It has got to be, to keep pace with our previous years. The momentum started under Past National Commander MALONEY is still going, and nothing is going to stop it. Why? Because you, Comrades, are showing the old YD spirit again, and nobody can stop that!

Just to prove my point, I know personally of four new Chapters that are under way, and by the time you get the next issue of YANKEE DOINGS, I am quite sure they will be organized. I do not mind telling you also, that three of these new Chapters will be in Rhode Island.

Fellows, we have a swell bunch of men serving as Department Commanders this year, and I know that these several new Chapters will be organized.

As you all know, Boston is going to put on the show for us in '40, and you know what that means. Simply this, that the Convention will be the biggest and by far the best we have ever held. Do not forget, we owe plenty to Boston as that is where our association got its start. There remains only one way that we fellows out in the open spaces can help, and that way is by building our association big enough so that when we go to Boston next year, we can make a good showing and have the people of Boston say the YDVA is something more than just a local organization.

So let each and every one of us make it our point of business to get at least one new member, and in that way we shall double our membership and that can be done if we make it a special effort.

Let us use as our motto this year "7500 in '40". (Seventy-five hundred members in 1940.)

So, to you comrades everywhere in these United States, let us put this membership proposition over early. If you want to present your National Commander with a real Christmas gift, there is nothing better he would like and appreciate more than to have 7500 cards of paid up members in the files in Boston.

Let us all get started early this year. I know it can be done, and if I am not greatly mistaken, you will do it.

Just one more thing in closing, comrades. You all know what a swell magazine we have, and you know that it costs money to print it, and you also know that we are not getting the advertising we should get. "So What?" some of you say, but I think it would be swell if you would contact some friends who are in business and try to persuade them to take some space in YANKEE DOINGS.

To all YD comrades everywhere, I want you to know that I am going to do everything I possibly can to make this year our best year and I know that you will assist me in every way.

In closing, keep looking, I'll be around to see you. Until then, I remain,

Yours in Comradeship,

— JERRY O'LEARY.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO TED NOYES

On June 8th, a large crowd of friends of then Department Commander TED NOYES gathered at Cosgrove's Chop House in Worcester to pay him honor for the work he has done in the YD and show their own personal friendship.

DOINGS doesn't know who-all were there. Those who attended were either unable to remember — or sump'n — and the only account to come to hand is a newspaper clipping of the "notables" expected. But from a few sleepily-dropped remarks next day, it is to be gathered that it was one of those times. Worcester, Lynn, Boston, Fitchburg, Marlboro, Springfield and Webster-Dudley Chapters were represented, and doubtless others. ERNEST C. PARENT was Chairman in charge of arrangements.

Ted was presented with a bronze plaque in testimony of his many years of service to the Association.

ADD CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, June 8th, SAMUEL S. SPENCE of Worcester Chapter was married to Miss Kathleen W. Slack. A group of his friends, YD and others, tendered him a bachelor dinner at Cosgrove's Chop House on June 6th, at which TED NOYES acted as toastmaster.

LAST REVEILLE
By Erik Hillbom
(K Co., 102nd Inf.)

The years roll by relentless, each month some comrades fall;
When Heaven sounds Assembly we're ready for the call;
It's true our ranks are thinning, our pace has slowed a bit,
And though our heads are greying our hearts and souls are fit.

Your YD inspiration, sincere and always true
Was born in France — I know it — when "Daddy" spoke to you.
Unselfish in his orders, encouraged by his smile,
What men we'd be, my buddies, if we could match his style.

When Father Time's last roll-call is met by silence, men,
We'll have our Grand Reunion — where Life begins again.
Each man will answer "Present"; each company — complete;
No rusty barbed-wire fences, no mud beneath our feet.

I like this way of thinking; it lightens up my pack,
With YD on my shoulder no foe can hold me back.
Be patient, Daddy Edwards, you still are in command;
We'll march once more behind you in yonder Promised Land.

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME BARGAIN

A member of New York Chapter of the Y.D. V.A. is obliged to dispose of his war library. There are 70 volumes in the collection; nearly all of them in excellent condition. Some are historical, some are war stories; almost every one at least has the World War as a back-ground. The original cost of the books new would be in the vicinity of $200.00. Many are worth their original price to-day as individual items.

He has sent DOINGS a complete list of the books. He would prefer to dispose of them in one lot. And have you any notion of the amount he asks. Twenty-Five Dollars! — A fraction over 35c per volume!

To be sure, many DOINGS' readers doubtless have say five or even ten of the seventy. But think of all the others.

Just a few titles at random. There are about five or six which have distinctly to do with the Yankee Division or some regiment or company thereof. "My War with the United States," by Ludwig Benelmano; "Memoirs of a Spy," by Nicholas Snowden; "Ten Thousand Shall Fall," by an American in the Foreign Legion; "Mata Hari"; "Fix Bayonets," by Col. John W. Thomason; " 'Neath Verdun — Aug. to October, 1916"; "Through the Wheat"; "Generals Die in Bed"; "True Tales of the D.C.I.," by Karl W. Detzer; "Chevrons," by Leonard Nason; "The Case of Sergeant Grischa," by Arnold Zweig; "Journey's End"; "Gallipoli," by John Masefield; "The First Hundred Thousand," by Ian Hay; "The Great War," by Frank Simonds; "Amid These Storms," by Winston Churchill.

These are taken at random. Other titles are as fascinating. If somebody doesn't raise the ante to $50.00 to help the comrade out, they're robbing him of the gold in his teeth.

"AMERICAN ARMIES AND BATTLEFIELDS IN EUROPE"

A volume having the above title has been published by the United States Government, prepared under the direction of the United States Battle Monuments Commission, after many years' research and work.

The book contains 547 pages, 561 official photographs, 120 small maps and sketches (27 in color), 9 colored insert maps and charts, and 3 large scale maps covering the operation of the American Armies in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne offensives.

The text includes an authoritative review of the engagements and activities of all American troops in foreign service during the World War.

The price is $2.75 per copy. Orders *including remittance*, by either postal money order or check, should be made to the Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

COMBAT VETERANS

DOINGS is indebted to K. A. "Slim" Sutherland, long-time Secretary of the Rainbow Division Association (or is it Los Angeles Chapter, Slim?) for copies of a Bill which Rep. Voorhis has introduced in the National House of Representatives at the instigation of L. A. Chapter, Rainbows.

The Bill provides (1) the complete service record and all available medical records pertaining to a veteran shall be made a part of his case file in any claim entered with the Veterans Administration; (2) that in determining service

connection, consideration shall be given to type and place of military service rendered; (3) that if combat service is shown by the record, and good medical judgment can honestly consider such combator other conditions within the zone of advance as causing or aggravating the disability claimed; then such disability shall be adjudged as service connected.

The Bill was referred to the Committee on World War Veteran Legislation.

"Slim" states he believes it will become law.

Quite a field of conjecture is opened up by a bill of this sort. First off, organizations of the size and strength of The American Legion may or may not support it. Its provisions would not apply to all of their membership, and they might have just grounds for being luke-warm about it. And, believe it or not, not much veteran legislation is written into law without the support of the Washington lobbies of the big veteran organizations.

The other side of the story is that the proposed law is eminently fair. It is fair not only to the combat veteran but to John Q. Public who foots the bills, and has always shown a willingness to do anything and everything for the veteran who was up in the mud and the slime ducking shells; but some reluctance toward the fella who developed galloping dandruff from too much heat in a barrack.

The YD and The Rainbow were brothers in arms. Their interests are identical. But the YD has always been on the best of terms with other and larger veteran bodies too; and it would hate to go off at a tangent. The whole story is that in many ways they can do more for us than we can do for ourselves.

Yet we like this bill of Mr. Voorhis — like it a lot. It was intended that it should be brought up at the Hartford Convention for endorsement. Somehow or other it wasn't; and the omission was certainly not intentional.

Bearing in mind both sides of the question, what do the readers think?

THANKS, FELLAS, IS ALL WE CAN SAY

Your editor hopes he'll be pardoned for injecting a brief personal note. As stated in the last issue, the month of May saw him laid on the shelf in moth balls. Here 'tis the middle of July almost, and he's still a long way from being 100% O. K. But able to pound a typewriter once more, and take a bit of interest in things. For about a month, he couldn't even bear to think of the good old YD, too much of it after 16 years presumably. But the interest has come back; and he's doing his darndest for you to make this an interesting number. In the meantime, you'd be surprised at the funny, tinkering jobs he's dug up to keep himself amused; cane-seating chairs, repairing a hundred-year-old clock — and it's going by cracky and keeping perfect time — painting furniture, and what-not. He even made the prognostication that surer'n 'ell, he'd be cutting out paper dolls yet.

But the main object of this brief notice is to give voice to a gratitude which is deep in the heart. Gratitude to grand old pals who DON'T forget you when you're down! And their number is legion. To GUY WATTS, who took over the job with never a murmur or a lost step; to LEA REDFIELD, whose encouragement has been priceless; to ED MILLER, loaded with work, who yet came to the hospital for a visit; to the grandest of pals, LEN MALONEY, not for one letter but a whole series; to ROYAL K. HAYES for almost as many; to the Department of Connecticut for two dozen long-stemmed roses arriving in the midst of the Convention which lasted a full week in glorious bloom; to the Departments, chapters, and just plain friends, whose letters and cards numbered almost a hundred. To those who asked us to come and spend some time resting at their homes; HARRY BUGBEE up in Highgate Center, Vermont; HAROLD SMITH on his boat in Boston Harbor.

Fellas, you may think you know what it has meant; but really you don't know. It has meant the re-awakening of pleasure in serving the Association, and such men as it has in it. And that was what was needed more than anything else — except perhaps rest. It may be a long time before your Secretary can get hitting on all twelve again; but at least he's plunking along on three or four.

CREDIT TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE

Editor Yankee Doings
and P.N.C. Len Maloney
Dear Sirs:

Regarding your commends to my good pal and secretary, DAVE SWARTZ, I, as Commander of Detroit Chapter, wish to have these pleasant "Pats on the Back," go to those who have earned them.

In your June issue, my secretary was commended for service regarding a Comrade in a hospital here in Detroit, and while I want to say now that we have whom I consider *the* best secretary in any outfit, I want you to know that we also have one Service Officer, named DICK SCANLON, who gave much time and expense, as

well as worthy effort in taking care of the aforementioned case of our Comrade in the hospital, and I would appreciate it greatly if you could afford a small space in DOINGS to reward the correct comrade.

In correcting this I do not wish to take away a small iota from the work of our secretary, but Dick is a silent worker, who asks nothing in glory, but enjoys doing for any comrade, with the old YD spirit, and I do mean 100%.

Let him who deserves the mention receive it.

— J. H. GUITTAUD,
Comm. Detroit Chapter.

OF THIS AND THAT

MARTY TAYLOR, employee of the YD Club of Boston, is to spend the two weeks commencing July 16th as the guest of HAROLD J. SMITH, National Judge Advocate of the Y.D.V.A., on a cruise to New York and perhaps way-ports aboard Harold's yacht.

Reports have it that Cong. LARRY CONNERY underwent a fistula operation at Mt. Alto Hospital in June, from which recovery was rapid.

JOE GREENBERG writes from New York that DAVID DRISCOLL (103rd Inf.) is a cook at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., and lavished special attention on BART KILEY, New York Veterans Administration officer who is a patient there.

WALTER B. GRANT, (I Co., 101st Inf.) was presented with a gold Life Membership card in Columbia Post, A. L. of South Boston. The presentation was made by Commander CHARLES J. MCCARTHY (I Co., 101st Inf.).

It has just been revealed to DOINGS, that the Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, whose successor was chosen on July 11, Dr. EDWARD J. MCCORMICK of Toledo, Ohio, was a YD man. Old sleuth ROYAL K. HAYES was the man who dug up this info. In his address at the Golden Jubilee of Lowell Lodge of Elks, Dr. MCCORMICK mentioned his service with the Yankee Division in the course of his address. Paging FRED FLAHAVAN: get Dr. MCCORMICK into Ohio Chapter!

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Jerry D. O'Leary, Nat. Park Service, Escoheag, R. I.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: William E. Love, Box 563, Farmington, Maine.
Dep't. Secretary: Rex E. Parsons, Box 684, Farmington, Maine.

A letter from Past Department Commander TORREY, written after he had attended the funeral of Col. HUME, on June 8, states that he met over 100 YD veterans, and had a chance to talk wtih them on the establishment of YD Chapters in Bangor and in Aroostook County. TORREY also put in a bid for the 1940 Convention in Bangor. Let's get a good live chapter there, first.

A letter from Dapartment Commander LOVE reads as follows:

"In answer to your letter of June 28th, requesting the names and addresses of State Departmental officers of Maine, please be advised that I am intending to establish a definite executive department for the State of Maine, but as our state is so widespread, it will take some little time to get the organization perfected.

"At the present time, I have appointed REX W. PARSONS, who has been secretary of the Franklin County Chapter since its establishment, as Departmental Secretary.

"I intend to call a meeting of all of the Chapter officers and build up a slate of State executive officers. As soon as this is done, I will contact you further and in the meantime assure you of my hearty co-operation in any way necessary to the success of the outfit.

"I will send you a correct list of Chapter officers as soon as possible."

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAPTER
Commander: Hazen O. Hagar
289 Forest Ave., Portland, Me.
Secretary: Leon E. Hall
549 Cumberland Ave., Portland, Me.

My Gosh! PHIL SANBORN sick? So he is human, after all. We thought he was immune to the ills of us ordinary mortals. We all hope that he will be well soon. We can sympathize with him because he can't go to the Convention.

We can't go either. We can't even go to Bangor for the Legion Convention. So, Phil, you are not alone in your troubles.

Glad to see that "Pop" Palmstrom is back with us again. Hope he will stay. His covers are always good for a laugh.

We of the 103rd and more particularly those of us who were in the old 2nd Maine were greatly saddened when we heard that we had lost our Commanding Officer, Col. Frank M. Hume who answered the last Roll Call on June 6th. Houlton being 250 miles from Portland, none of us was able to go to the services. It was a holiday of mourning for Aroostook County as was well demonstrated by the thousands who turned out to do homage to a man who had served his country and state honestly and well. To most YDers he is known as the one who commanded the 103rd Inf. But to some of us he was the Commanding Officer of the old 2nd Maine Inf. His experience as an organizer was amply shown in the Mexican Border trouble. Called out for service on June 19th 1916, the regiment was assembled at Augusta, and on the 4th of July was on the border at Laredo. The part that Col. Hume played in this affair is too large for this writer to describe. The War Department records tell the story.

When we heard that our beloved leader was dead, we sent the following telegram to his daughter, Mrs. Bernard McGary, Houlton, Me.:

"Please accept our sympathy in your great loss. The State of Maine has lost a great and noble citizen. We, as friends and comrades, we who served in the 103rd Infantry are proud that we were able to serve under one who was, at all times, an officer and a gentleman."

The Colonel was never so happy as when he could be with the men who served under him and would go out of his way to find one of his former command and talk over old times. May his soul rest in peace, a friend of man.

It will be all right for Tom Bannon to get "House-maid knees, but don't let the good wife catch you setting on 'em. Something other than ears will be red.

Someone wants to know about the Westbrook, Maine, gang. There are a lot out there but they won't "gang" the YD way.

A large number gathered at the "Marker" in Edwards Park on Memorial Day and placed a large wreath in memory of our Commanding Officer. Several of the old faces were not there, but then it was not expected that they would be seen in our company, though they are welcome. Won't you come next year?

The new Chapter is going along. Rather slow — but we have several new faces and we are going to go places, like it or not.

— Minnie-La-Tour.

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY CHAPTER

Lewiston - Auburn

Commander: Joseph J. Cychol
145 Lake St., Auburn, Me.
Secretary: William E. Roach
120 College St., Lewiston, Me.

Not much doing during hot weather in our chapter. Will fill a bit of space with thumbnail sketches of our members, starting with the officers:

Commander Joe Cychol — caterer at several of the shoe shops in Auburn. (That's what it says, you figure it out.—Ed.).

First V.C. Fred Shaw — on the road most of the time for Hall & Knight, dealers in plumbing and heating supplies.

Second V.C. Linwood Jewett —meat cutter for the A & P.

Secretary Bill Roach — firing a locomotive on the Maine Central R. R.

Treasurer Jess Farnum — clerk in Lewiston post office.

Chaplain John Lovely — shoe worker.

Sgt.-at-Arms Walter Sawtell — fireman, Auburn Fire Department.

Historian Norman Thomas — sports editor of Lewiston Journal.

Trustees: Elliott K. Hale — In office of Worumbo Mfg. Co., Lisbon Falls; Eugene Beaudoin — fireman, Lewiston Fire Department; John Barnes — manager local Woolworth store.

Sec. Bill Roach was a guest at Togus late in May, "having his old exhaust pipes fixed up" as he puts it; but is back on the job.

— W. E. R.

CONNECTICUT NOTES

(A.W.O.L. from Page 23)

Frank Lee, Past Commander of New Haven Chapter, has returned to his duties as a firefighter after a long illness.

John Long, State Policeman Bill Murphy and Charlie Boucher, of New Haven chapter are patients at the Newington Vets hospital. Ray Hayward, who was there for a long spell, has been discharged.

Eddie Sullivan, (Co. D, 102nd Inf.), is with the State Highway Department. Sam "Murphy" Glaser would like to know how Eddie works it.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Leon N. Magee, 68 So. Main St., Penacook, N. H.

The following Department Officers are to be installed at the State Meeting on August 13, at Capitol Hall, Warren St., Concord:

Commander, EUGENE DUGAS; Treasurer, STILLMAN F. GRAVES; Secretary, LEON N. MAGEE; Chaplain, FRED THRASHER; Sgt.-at-Arms, JOHN KETCHUM.

During late June and early July Commander DUGAS visited several of the Chapters, presenting Y.D.V.A. Merit Certificates and Membership rings to men who were unable to be in Hartford to receive them. He was in Concord, June 26; Franklin, July 5; Nashua, July 18; Keene, July 23.

A new Chapter is practically formed in and near Rochester, N. H., and charter application is about to be made to the National Executive Committee.

MANCHESTER
Commander: Martin P. Holleran
46 Elm Ave., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Walter J. Boardman
29 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

Regular monthly meeting held on June 14, with Commander HOLLERAN in the Chair, and 68 paid-up members present.

Most of the meeting was given over to plans for attending the Hartford Convention.

A floral piece was sent to the funeral of Col. HUME in Houlton, Maine, and also to the funeral of Mrs. Anne Sayers, mother of BILL SAYERS. — W. J. B.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: Abiel M. Smith
30 Bailey Ave., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

Regular meeting was held in the Legion Rooms, Barre, on June 13. Only account to reach DOINGS is the advance notice of the meeting.

The Chapter staged an entertainment for the boys at the U. S. Veterans Hospital in White River Jct., on June 30.

Congratulations! To Commander and Mrs. ABE SMITH. A daughter on July 4.

There is little news from the Department of Vermont, but every one is looking for the new Department Commander to put the pep into the whole state that he has managed to maintain in his own Washington County Chapter. Go to it, JOE.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Dennis Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.

STATE MEETING — MILFORD — JUNE 4

DOINGS has not at hand the complete record of the meeting at Milford. GEORGE F. WARREN of Lynn Chapter was elected State Chaplain to succeed EDWARD MALEY of Springfield who resigned.

Part of the meeting was devoted to the installation of officers of Milford Chapter, which will be found under that chapter.

Members of the Department of Massachusetts:

Since the installation of Officers of this Department in June, 1938, it has been a "Forward Movement" for YDVA in Massachusetts. Membership increased to such an extent that the assigned quota of the Department was only 328 "light" of 2000 members.

The Social and Civic activities of the 19 Chapters in the Department have already been recorded. These, in no small way, served as a means of increasing membership and carrying out "the Purpose and Object of the Association."

Department meetings gained impetus with increased attendance *and, Constructive Legislation* both for the Department, and YDVA as a whole.

The Officers whom you elected in 1938 have

served faithfully and well! I extend my sincere thanks to them for their co-operation in administrating the Department affairs — and especially to the old wheel-horses (from the Artillery) PNC A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE and PDC CLYDE ELLIOTT, who were always willing to take on a job and follow it through to successful completion.

August 6th, 1939, at Springfield, Mass., the newly elected officers under the capable Department Commander, AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, will "Take over." Make it *one* of your commandments to assist them in every way possible for the future betterment of YDVA.

I have greatly enjoyed serving as your Department Commander and wish to thank each of you for your continued confidence and support. By this characteristic is a YD man known. — "Dig In" now, and make your new National Commander JERRY O'LEARY proud of the Department of Massachusetts for its accomplishments. Increased membership — programs of Chapter interest — attendance at Department and Chapter meetings, and *a 24-hour interest in affairs YD.*

"AVE!" (Hail! and Farewell!)

— EDWIN J. NOYES.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BLDG., SPRINGFIELD, ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, AT 2:00 P. M., AT WHICH TIME THE NEW DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WILL BE INSTALLED.

BEVERLY

Commander: Joseph H. Metcalfe
66a Bridge St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.

With the advent of warm weather, it is kind of hard to get the gang to attend meetings but things are on the up. We have 35 paid-up members at present time. At our last meeting we were presented our street banner and it's a corker. Much thanks to Mrs. Ada Smith, wife of our Past Commander for the swell job. We showed it off at the Hartford convention. Beverly was represented by about 8 members who took part in the parade.

Met a few of old F Battery (101st F.A.) boys while there. LELAND PERKINS from Cleveland and TOM CAREY who is a Sergt. of the Hartford police force.

We feel rather proud that our Past Commander SMITH was presented with a certificate of merit from the National Office.

Commander JOE METCALFE has mapped out a program starting with the first meeting of August which will keep everybody busy for about 7 months especially ABE KATZ who has charge of the entertainment.

Our old skipper, Major BILL MORGAN, is in town on a visit, and I am going to try and contact him and have him join the Beverly Chapter.

Glad to hear that PHIL SANBORN is improving in health and hope he gets back into harness again very soon.

— JOE BRIGHT.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly Smoker was held on Thursday, June 15th. Arthur Duffy, former 100 yard dash Champion was the Speaker. He gave a very interesting talk on Sports in general. The hall was filled to capacity.

Boston was well represented at Hartford. Our entry in the Horrible parade did not win a prize but we had a good time and if you could have seen GOLDIE, RILEY and Big JIM SULLIVAN on the horses you would have got a laugh. But there was nothing to laugh about when they began slipping all over the lobby of the Bond. The big parade was well supported, we had at least 200 turn out for that.

The big job has just started, getting ready for next year's Convention. Questionnaires have already been sent to all members asking for their opinion on the Chairmen of the different Committees. Let's get behind them and make this convention the biggest and best ever.

Inside Dope

ROCCO — "I told you, play No. 1, it's the key dog."

SLIVERS — "Have you got the system?"

GOLDIE — "What do you think of my Red Sox now?"

SPOONER — "I saw a Convention at last."

MARLBOROUGH

Commander: Alphonse Lessard
Clover Hill, Marlborough, Mass.
Secretary: Harry E. Sherman
52 Neil St., Marlborough, Mass.

The following are the new officers of Marlborough Chapter:

Commander, ALPHONSE LESSARD; Vice Com., PAUL HADLEY; Treasurer, LOUIS LACROIX; Secretary, Past Commander HARRY E. SHERMAN; Chaplain, HECTOR DUFAULT; Sgt.-at-Arms, Past Commander, MILFORD HAMELIN; Trustees, JOHN SHERMAN, LEONARD DOMINIQUE, MICHAEL CAVANAUGH.

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday or at the call of the Commander.

H. E. S.

LOWELL

Commander: Royal K. Hayes
75 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.

Undoubtedly the most outstanding and pleasant news for our Chapter since our Charter was granted is that we now have permanent quarters with light, heat and gas furnished in the Veteran's Wing of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. These quarters consist of three rooms and a kitchen which is equipped with dishes of all kinds where it will be possible for us to serve either light refreshments or a steak dinner.

Our new home was formerly used by the G. A. R. Post but during late years it was used very seldom by them. As has been noted in previous issues of this column, our Chapter through the efforts of Commander HAYES and his corps of untiring workers have been successful in having them turned over to our use.

Starting with our next meeting which will be held September 12th, in our new "home" we plan to hold a series of smokers. Outstanding speakers have been booked and we expect to start off with a "bang" and carry through the winter with plenty of activity.

We wish here and now to extend an invitation to any and all Chapters to visit us and hope to have one of the State Meetings here now that we can accommodate them properly.

At our last regular meeting held June 19th we were entertained by sound movies shown through the courtesy of our good member, ARTHUR CASHIN, (101st San. Train). Arthur showed Frank Buck's picture "Bring 'Em Back Alive." The pictures were very interesting and we have the promise of more pictures taken by Arthur himself on some of his numerous hunting, fishing and travel trips.

DORAN LYONS, our genial Chairman of distinquished guests, was reminded of a story about an elephant during the picture. (Remind him to tell it to you — I can't here.)

We wish to use this column to thank our member, TOM SILVA, manager of the John Hancock Insurance Company, for the use of the office where we have been holding our meetings for the past several years. Tom has always been more than glad to have us meet there even though it put him to some inconvenience.

Letters of thanks were sent to the Trustees of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium for their courtesy in giving us quarters.

Commander HAYES and the Secretary attended the Convention in Hartford on Thursday, that being the only day on which they were both free. National Commander called Commander HAYES to the platform at the start of the business meeting and called upon him to make a speech which he did with his usual vim and vigor. Many of our members attended the Convention Friday and Saturday and from the stories going around a great time was enjoyed by all.

Commander HAYES has appointed the following named men to serve on the Board of Directors:

DORAN S. LYONS, Chairman, JAMES A. MCKEARNEY, MARTIN READY, RUSSELL SMITH, WALLACE DUNCAN, ARTHUR CASHIN, JOSEPH SEXTON, THOMAS SILVA, EDWARD SCULLIN, EDWIN ROBEY, EUGENE RICARD, GEORGE WALSH, QUINCY B. PARK, Secretary, ROYAL K. HAYES, Ex. Officio.

— Q. B. P.

LYNN

Commander: Michael Garofano
26 Waterhill St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

With the Convention a matter of history and one of our best, we have settled back to serious business. A membership drive under the direction of J.V.C. PERLEY KNIGHT has got underway with the following men as Captains — JOHN SULLIVAN, MARSHALL TAYLOR, RAY DOUCETTE, MICHAEL GAROFANO, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD, WALTER SMITH, CLAYTON PEVEAR, GEORGE MERRILL and EUSTIS GRIMES. Watch us grow.

On July 30th we will hold our 4th Annual Outing at Stage Fort Park, East Gloucester. Busses and automobiles will leave Item Bldg., Lynn, at 10 A. M. Tickets are 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. A fine program of sports and entertainment has been arranged and the big feature will be the ball game between the Artillery (the usual winner) and the

Infantry. GEORGE WARREN is general chairman with CLAUDE HOAG, LEON VARNAM, ROYAL THOMAS, PERLEY KNIGHT, MICHAEL GAROFANO, EARL TRECARTIN, RUDOLPH HEFTYE, ROBERT NEWMAN, CHARLES SCANLON and EDWARD PHILPOT heading the committees. A beautiful park and beach with playground welcomes all YD men, their wives and children.

Our big monthly raffle is still going strong.

Members on the sick list are HERBERT COULMAN, EDGAR BARNES, Francis Guindon, HOWARD CROWELL, CHARLES O'BRIEN and CHARLES KING. Guess we are getting old.

The Auxiliary is holding its Annual Street Fair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. PETER PERRAULT again, on July 20th and it will be bigger and better than ever. One of our good members, WILLIAM MCINTYRE, has just been appointed Departmental Guard at Washington, D. C., and what luck, his boss is none other than JOE JORDAN, Com. of Wash. Chapter. Good luck, Bill.

— "MUSSOLINI" RAY

MILFORD

Commander: Michael J. Hachey
71 Main St., Milford, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest E. O'Brien
55 West St., Milford, Mass.

The following officers of Milford Chapter were installed by then Department Commander NOYES at the State Department Meeting held in Milford on June 4:

Commander, MICHAEL J. HACHEY; Sr. V.C., CHARLES BRISSON; Jr. V.C., WALTER DREW; Treasurer, OTIS STONE; Secretary, Past Commander ERNEST E. O'BRIEN; Trustees, TERRANCE SHEEDY, FRANK SPELSKY, THOMAS MONGUSO; Color Guard, ANTHONY BLOANSI; Executive Committee appointees, P.C. CHARLES GOUCHER, TERRANCE SHEEDY.

Five new members were admitted to membership. The Chapter voted to conduct an "International Picnic" at Prospect Field on June 17 and 18. FRANK SPELSKY was named chairman of arrangements.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Walter H. Burns
65 Larch Ave., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: James S. McQuade
108 Locust St., New Bedford, Mass.

Though no longer Commander, good old BILL DRESSER holds down the fort and keeps DOINGS informed of things down in the Whaling City. He says Commander BURNS "asked him to do it." There's the old YD spirit.

He writes that during June (or it may have been May — the letter is undated and says "last month"), Mrs. Corabelle G. Francis, one of the founders and a Past President of the Auxiliary of the YD Club of Boston visited New Bedford and installed the officers of New Bedford Auxiliary. She became so interested in the auxiliary, and in the junior organization (New Bedford has the first chartered chapter of the Sons and Daughters of the YD, and the first strictly chapter sponsored YD Junior Drum and Bugle Corps) that she stayed another day and helped with advice and instruction.

On the same night, the Sons and Daughters held their installation with representatives present from all veteran organization in town, with refreshments by the Auxiliary and entertainment by the Juniors. All that is needed now is permanent quarters, and Bill says he is still scouting around.

"Had a swell time in Hartford — a swell town. Our juniors copped third money ($50.00); and would have done better — the judges said — but that a few of them struck the wood at the edge of the drums. I'll stack 'em against any juniors anywhere."

Bill is sure a YD Junior fan. He tells of his joy at meeting AL RAND with the Worcester YD Juniors at the parade in Hartford. One of New Bedford's buglers is now living in Worcester territory, and Bill asks AL RAND to look up Shirley Chase, 14, 24 West St., Westboro. BILL DRESSER reports he was thrilled at the number of junior corps in Hartford, and exhorts all chapters to get going and form one of their own, despite the hard work he admits it is for all concerned. It is worth it, he says.

Relative to the election in Hartford, Bill writes: "Our Chapter went out strong for TED NOYES. He is a good scout and a worker. We were certainly pleased to see so many at the election. JERRY O'LEARY is also a fine fellow and a hard worker, and eats and sleeps YD. I have known JERRY for years and he will make a good Commander. Lots of luck, JERRY, and we are all behind you."

In conclusion, the letter states that New Bedford is looking forward to the day when it can be host city to a YD Convention; but in the meantime local organization work will have to be built up more and more. He wishes all the new officers a grand year.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Thomas A. Dee
59 Maynard St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Our meetings for July and August are as follows:

Monday, July 17th, Regular Meeting at the G. A. R. Hall, 44 State Street.

Sunday, August 6th, Massachusetts State Department Meeting, Mahogany Room, Municipal Auditorium, Court Square.

The committee in charge of the State Department Meeting, headed by Past Commander BIRNIE, is working hard making plans for the meeting to be held here in August. Inasmuch as the newly elected State Department Officers are to be installed here in Springfield, we are looking forward to an exceptionally large meeting.

This State Department Meeting and installation will take place in Springfield's beautiful Mahogany Room and we feel that this is an ideal place for our newly elected State Officers to take over.

It is the sincere wish of our club for the immediate recovery of our National Secretary PHIL SANBORN. We surely missed seeing him at the convention in Hartford, and trust that he will be able to attend the State Meeting here in Springfield. (Hope to, Ros.—ED.).

It is very difficult to get back in the harness again after such a grand and glorious time at the National Convention this year. The Springfield crowd had such a good time in Hartford that we put on a whispering campaign to hold all future conventions in Hartford. If there is any doubt about this, ask "BUCKY" GREER or ROY COONS.

Our Drum Corps did a fine job during the convention, for they took third money in the Horribles Parade and stood fourth in the big parade with a score of 94.2%. We feel proud of our corps and hope to take them to Boston with us next year.

Hope to see you all at the State Meeting, August 6th.

— ROSWELL F. PATCH,
Secretary.

TOM CROKAN writes that June 19 was quite a day in the annals of at least three members of the YD Club of Springfield. It happens by coincidence to be the wedding anniversay date of ROY and Irene COONS; BOB and Mrs. BEACH; TOM CROKAN and "Aunt Katie."

YD AUXILIARY — SPRINGFIELD

Our last regular meeting until September was held at the home of our President, Mrs. Chapman, Monday evening, June 19th. We had a good attendance and a delicious luncheon was served by our hostess.

A very successful card party was held at the American Legion Home in West Springfield, June 8th. Mrs. Maley was chairman of this party, assisted by Mrs. Easton and Mrs. Heber.

Our annual outing was held Sunday, July 9th at Look Memorial Park, Northampton, and was well attended in spite of the heat. The gang arrived about eleven o'clock and the first thing on the program was dinner. A varied program of sports followed. Winners of the events were:

50-yard dash, William Edding, and Mildred Harris; 100-yard dash, Tom Crokan; potato race, Marion Hogan, and Sterling Harris. Juggle race, ROSWELL PATCH; barking dog, McCARONS, Senior and Junior; broad jump, BOB McCARON; balloon blowing, DAVID HOGAN; Sack race, TOM CROKAN and KENNETH CHAPMAN; all four race, Harriet Patch; hop, step and jump, Bob Phelps; wheelbarrow race, Mary Dee and TOM CROKAN; three-legged race, ANDY BIRNIE and ED MALEY.

In the softball game ANDY BIRNIE's "YDers" beat ED MALEY's "Old Men" 3 to 0.

Many of the crowd enjoyed swimming later in the afternoon and finally all got together to do some more eating.

We all started for home at 7:45. Mrs. Crokan did a fine job as chairman of this affair assisted by Mrs. Dee.

Our Auxiliary was well represented at the YD Convention held in Hartford, Connecticut, and from all reports a good time was had by all.

— Mrs. Irene Coons, Secretary.

WEBSTER - DUDLEY

Commander: Henry Kulczak
20 Harris St., Webster, Mass.
Secretary: William Raszka
16 Goddard St., Webster, Mass.

At a well attended meeting on June 21 the following officers were elected:

Commander, HENRY KULCZAK (Re-elected); V.C., MARTIN GRAHAM; Treasurer, RAYMOND KOKERNAK; Secretary, WILLIAM E. RASZKA; Sgt.-at-Arms, HENRY BRANDES; Chaplain, EDWARD WILDER.

Installation of officers was held at RAYMOND KOKERNAK's YD "dugout" on Lake Street, on July 22. Refreshments under the following

committee: RAYMOND KOKERNAK, PETER WAGNER, FRED PUTNAM.

An earlier letter from Sec. RASZKA states that after many attempts had failed to draw out the crowd, the idea of holding the meetings with specified refreshments was tried, and thus far seems to be working like a charm. That's the stuff, boys, feed the brutes!

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Laurence H. Cook, 62 Malden St., Cranston, R. I.

As a Past National Vice Commander of the Y.D.V.A., may I take this opportunity of wishing the newly elected National Officers of the Association a most successful year. I feel sure that the Officers selected will continue to uphold the good name of the YD and when their year is done we will all be able to say, "Well done thou good and faithful son of YD."

— HOWARD W. HUNT,
PNVC., YDVA.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William Monti
Arnold Neck, West Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: Yvon Archambault
145 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.

Three meetings of members have been held since the installation of officers of the Kent County Chapter (The Baby Post). The first meeting was held June 7th, the second, a special convention meeting on June 20th, and the third, a regular meeting on July 12th.

Treasurer HEATON reported that the food left over from the buffet luncheon served at the installation of officers at the V.F.W. Hall had been given to a poor family. Thus — "a good time was had by all."

The second Wednesday of each month has been voted as "meeting night"; the meetings to start at 8:15 sharp, and Red Men's Hall chosen as permanent headquarters for the chapter.

As young as we are, we have already performed the sad duty of sounding taps over two of our comrades, Dr. DANIEL S. HARROP, prominent and much beloved local physician, who passed away after being stricken with pneumonia, and comrade ARTHUR AXELSON. Delegations from the Kent County Chapter attended both funerals, and both comrades were buried with full military honors.

It was agreed that respect for those comrades who have passed on could best be shown by having a photo together with a flower taken from the Y.D.V.A. wreath, framed and hung on the wall of the hall where the meetings are to be held.

It has been agreed that at least ten cents be paid at every meeting by the members present, the collection being used for the flower fund. Also, that berets be worn during chapter meetings, those without berets to be fined ten cents, the proceeds also to go to the flower fund.

Believe it or not, we are going to have a good old-fashioned bake. — Commander MONTI, together with Senior Vice Commander WM. EARL BERGIN, Junior Vice Commander CARL OLSON, Treasurer HEATON, Historian N. COURTLAND ARNOLD and Trustee JESSE C. EDWARDS have been selected a committee of six to confer with Commander Robert S. Dunbar for a real blowout. The Club Murdock has already been agreed upon as "the place" and Sunday, Sept. 3rd as "the time." More about this at the next meeting.

Plans are also being formulated for the raffle of a shore lot at Bay Ridge, on Narragansett Bay, in the near future. Commander MONTI and comrade WM. A. GEDDES were named a committee to see the owner of said lot for the purpose of making plans for its disposal.

The members who attended the Hartford Convention reported having had such a bang-up, good time that the remaining members are all jealous. So believe you me — the gang as a whole will attend the next convention.

—Y. A.

APREMONT CHAPTER

Pawtucket and Surrounding Area

Commander John I. Rancourt
1137 Smithfield Ave., Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Meetings the Second and Fourth Friday, Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

Regular meeting June 9, 25 present. Plans completed for Horribles Parade in Hartford. Dep't. Commander HUNT was present. The Commander named several more groups of two to raise $10.00 or more for the Chapter during the year.

We won first prize in the Horribles Parade.

Past Commander JOHN MORAN and JAMES LIGHBOWN are going to have a picnic with chowder, etc. for the members of Apremont Chapter, and their friends on Sunday, July 23, at Slater Park in Pawtucket.

Our membership is back up there again, and we're going to make it higher.

— R. W. D.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Henry W. McCarthy
12 George St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
61 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the chapter was held on June 14th at the Harrison St. Armory, Commander EDWIN M. MARA was in the chair with 54 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The report of the Treasurer shows that Providence Chapter, YD VA., finished the year with a sizeable balance and reflects a great deal of credit upon the officers of the chapter for their efficient handling of the funds.

The chapter had 247 members on its rolls, only three short of reaching the quota set by National Headquarters. Of this number 140 have paid their dues for this year at the date of this meeting. Under the chairmanship of Jr. Vice Commander JOHN KELLEY, the membership committee has done a swell job of getting new members into the chapter.

Under committee reports, Chairman MCKIERNAN of the smoker committee reported a net profit of close to $100. from the smoker. Chairman Past Commander LARRY COOK of the Hartford convention Booster committee reported he hand handled better than 50 advance registrations to the convention. Incidentally Providence chapter was well represented at the convention and had a swell turn-out for the big parade. The YD Drum and Bugle Corps played exceptionally well at the head of the Rhode Island delegation.

Due to the fact that the boy selected to attend the "Little Rhody Boys' State" will be unable to accept, it was necessary for Chairman LARRY COOK to call another meeting of his committee and select another boy. The committee's choice was Brenton T. Darcy, the son of a member of the chapter. He has accepted and will attend.

At a meeting of the Executive committee of the chapter held prior to the chapter meeting it was announced that they had selected the committee headed by WALTER VICKERY, and assisted by comrades, GOULD, MCGRATH, FRED WALSH, and ED HIRD as the winners of the prizes given by the chapter to the committee which put on the best entertainment during the year. The prizes were five black leather wallets of very fine quality suitably embossed.

Providence Chapter at this meeting, after a few corrections and amendments, adopted a set of By-Laws and Constitution which will be used to govern the chapter in the future.

The chapter voted to hold their annual smoker each year on Seicheprey Day. The subject created a great deal of discussion both for and against the motion.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held July 19th, at which time Commander-elect HENRY W. MCCARTHY and his suite of Officers will be installed by National Commander JERRY D. O'LEARY. It is hoped that a good delegation of National Officers will be on hand for the installation.

— HOWARD W. HUNT,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Gardiner H. Hall, 121 South St., Willimantic, Ct.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Ct.

STATE MEETING
Middletown — June 11

Meeting in D.A.V. Hall, Middletown; opened by Commander KINCAID at 3:30.

Department Officers for the coming year, with the exception of the Department Commander, who, being a National officer is elected by the Convention, were elected, as nominated by the Department nominating committee:

Dep't. Sr. V.C., WILLIAM ALLEN (Manchester Chapter); Dep't. Jr. V.C., WILLIAM SALLADIN (Mont Sec, Bristol, Chapter); Dep't. Treasurer, RAY NORTH (Terryville Chapter); Dep't. Secretary CLYDE G. BECKWITH (Manchester Chapter); Dep't. Chaplain, Dr. WILLIAM P. KEATING (Willimantic Chapter); Dep't. Sgt.-at-Arms, EUCLID PIMPARE (Willimantic Chapter); Dep't. Service Officer, THOMAS SCOTT (Bristol Chapter); Dep't.

Judge Advocate, Judge VINE R. PARMELEE (Hartford Chapter); Dep't. Americanism Officer, Capt. CLARENCE GEER (Bridgeport Chapter); Dep't. Historian, BERNT H. BENSON (New London Chapter).

It was voted to purchase a Past Department Commander's badge for RAY KINCAID.

It was voted to send a letter of condolence to National Secretary PHIL SANBORN.

National Commander MILLER and P.N.C. LEN MALONEY were present. The former urged everyone to be present at the election meeting in Hartford at the Convention: to vote according to their own judgment, but to be present.

District Commander — District No. 1, HENRY WOODS (Norwalk Chapter); District No. 2, EDWARD KELLY; District No. 3, ARTHUR BUTCHER (New Britain); District No. 4, JOSEPH KEENEY (New London).

Executive Committee — P.N.C. AL HERMAN, Chm.; P.N.C. LEN MALONEY, P.D.C. BILL THOMPSON, HARRY ROBERTSON, JOSEPH KEENEY.

No account of the July 9th State Meeting at Willimantic has reached DOINGS.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Clarence W. Geer
60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Leslie R. Barlow
39 Woodmont Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

That was sure a swell yarn and an excellent job, how our old friends, Miss Amelia Weneroth, of the American Red Cross and Charles Bohner of the Federal Employment Agency, located former mule skinner and cook, JIMMY CERIANI, of the 102nd Machine Gun Company. They needed him to aid his comrade, Viebanz, and had only the address of the U. S. A. to go by, and sure enough located him in a few hours at New Haven. Amelia always was a swell gal and there are many inside the gang who do not work as diligently for it as does Charlie on the outside.

Well, well, there is old BILL ADAMS up to the V.F.W. parade at Bridgeport and he is now living away down in Norwalk with all the HERMANS — WOODS — and POLLEYS.

Guess all the boys had a fine visit with ED ASHLEY who stopped at Bridgeport on his way to Boston and New Hampshire, on his way from away down in the Georgia cracker section.

All the boys seem to like to read old man SWARTZ's stuff from away out there in Detroit, where men are men and the women are after 'em.

MATTY HERLACK has arrived home from the Hospital at Newington and doing nicely.

Those confounded professional beggars in uniform that flood every town where there is a convention ought to be ridden out of town on a rail, but the rank and file seem never to learn that they are just in town to clean up and that no local organization is ever benefited. One at the V.F.W. parade at Bridgeport hollered, "Say YD, how's Foley?" and sure enough, we guessed it, he meant Chief FOLEY of Worcester. Probably FOLEY has put him in the hoosegow more than once. Yes and at Hartford there was one in a YD beret! Well, rats always did like to get in with good eggs.

Well, if we do get a new monument at Bridgeport, let's hope they leave off the names of non-veterans.

We have heard that ALBERT HONECK, the old horseshoer of the 102nd and 104th Ambulance Co. died a few months ago at Texas, but have no particulars.

Some of our men attended the Flag Day services of the Elks and surely approved the part of the short talk by Commissioner Buckingham where he stated that if these birds who do not want their children to salute the American Flag "to place them on board ship and return them forthwith to the land they love."

Noted ED MILLER and GARDINER HALL in the parade at Bridgeport, marching back of that triple action, high expansion, red hot, drum corps from Thompsonville, Conn.

Hope you all helped to make it a safe and sane 4th for our YD juniors.

That handsome steel helmeted group of femmes who paraded at Hartford with the Bridgeport group of "dignitaries" were the drill team of the Raymond W. Harris Post, V.F.W. Auxiliary, under Captain Kathleen Johnson.

Guess everybody and their uncle missed good old PHIL SANBORN at the Convention. What a day and what a crowd. Yes and the crowd was with the YD. Old John Q. Public and his wife surely poured their hearts out.

A parade that sure enough outclassed anything in Connecticut in many a moon. Those thousands of young YD boys and girls carrying on where "THE OLD MAN" left off surely made a lump come into the throats of you now-old timers. Like Memorial Day those sights are Patriotism—filling-stations along the sun-setting miles; stories on our road going "West."

Congrats to the 101st Sanitary train on forming a permanent Train Association with NATE

GOODWIN as charter president and JACK ROSE as Secretary-Treasurer.

It surely is better than oodles of medicine for you men to meet the old gang who bunked, buddied and slogged through the mud with you. It surely makes the skies seem always blue to meet POP BRINDLE, LARRY WOODBURY, HUCK PALMER, EDDIE MCLAUGHLIN, FRED PINNEY, PERCY CHAPMAN, HUB BEERS, HARRY WORLEY, RIPPLE MORGAN, ANDY HOLZHEIMER, LYNN DEMING, PHIL WILDMAN, LEROY MACKINNON, BLAKE ROBINSON, JOHN FITZGIBBONS, AL HERMAN, HENRY WOODS, Red Cross HUTCHINSON, Commissioner Allen and "Bridgeport's Own" Governor Raymond E. Baldwin.

Proof that the old esprit-de-corps still lives was shown by sending a letter to the widow of the late Major Paul Waterman.

Add to your list of Massachusetts industries: Turning out some bang-up, gimcrackin' drum corps, both junior and senior.

Think it was one of Mrs. O'Leary's boys that was supposed to have started the big fire at Chicago. Hope JERRY can do the same thing with the old YD.

See You In Boston.

— "SAME OLD DICK."

MANCHESTER
"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Ray Smith
70 Ridge St., Manchester, Conn.

HARRY BISSELL of Manchester, Conn. has opened a Howard Johnson stand in Bordentown, N. J. On route 130 and 39 junction. He would be glad to see any of his YD pals going through New Jersey.

NEW BRITAIN
Commander: John Suess
89 Kinsington Ave., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

At its meeting on June 6th, New Britain Chapter voted to withdraw from the Veterans Council in New Britain; on the grounds that it voiced disapproval of membership therein of "nationality groups" of veterans.

At this writing we have 62 members in our Chapter with several promised at our next meeting. Last year our total was 63, so there is no question of our being behind in our quota this year.

We had a fine turnout at the parade in Hartford, and the members who were around the Hotel Bond during the Convention seemed to be having a fine time. Our Chapter Colors were displayed for the first time at the parade and caused plenty of comment. They were obtained through contributions from members of the Chapter and we have cause to be proud of them. Comrade BRANN had the honor of being the first to carry them.

Attendance at meetings has been increasing at each meeting and at the last meeting 23 members showed up. The Commander has promised us that the ways and means committee he appointed has plans to bring in some dough so we can expect some good times this fall and winter.

Our regular meeting in July fell on the Fourth, so had to be postponed, but we will combine the third Tuesday with a social and business meeting.

— ARTHUR BUTCHER.

NORWALK
Commander: Henry E. Woods
154 Gregory Blvd., East Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: William P. Adams
16 Harding Place, Danbury, Conn.

My old pals, "Fibber McGee and Molly," during their radio program often use the following gag or expression, "Heavenly Days," so to make up a report from the above chapter, I must make up a story, and a true one at that. We, Norwalkers, had three heavenly days in Hartford, and our dearly beloved Past Commander was selected by a dear family of robins to carry their official trade mark on his nice clean shirt all along the line of march during that dandy parade. Was TONY CARRIONE's face red?

He swears that he is going to bring suit for damages against ED MILLER, AL HERMAN et al. Your reporter suggests that Mrs. Tony Carrione carry a clean suit and shirt for Papa Tony when he visits Colt Park again. Sure an' we 'ave to 'and it to the HERMAN couple for their Rose selling idea; an' begorra ye did fine me pals. And the ladies who helped them out have the highest commendations also for the part that they played in this beautiful and compassionate thought.

It was nosed around the Bond Hotel, that if your reporter does not stick around AL SINSKI and JACK PHELAN in a better manner at all future conventions, they are to lay charges against him for walking in his sleep. AL SINSKI

has made up his mind, that your reporter will never make a name for himself with Pathe Weekly. Nuf sed. And poor HENRY WOODS, the timid soul, he surely did want to go into a certain side show that was with the World of Mirth carnival, but, his protector Mrs. W. told HEN, that all he was going to do was to walk around the carnival grounds like all good YD people.

SAM POLLEY was on the job in Hartford too, but, our gang would suggest to our garage owner, that he take on the agency to sell razor blades, and then he could use one on himself before parades. Oh yes, I forgot to inform our Dep't. of Conn. that Mrs. Harold Anderson is soon to be named the official snap shooter for our chapter; that is, if she learns to press the trigger when she wants to expose a film. Some might call these notes the high spots during our stay in Hartford; and a delightful visit it was. All of the gang had a grand time, and enjoyed the party put on by the Hartford boys. Congratulations to all of the Hartford gang for a job well done. Congratulations to our new National Commander JERRY O'LEARY and his staff for the coming year, may your year be one of success and 100% co-operation from all departments and chapters.

— "OLD BILL" ADAMS.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John T. Dillon
185 Upson Terrace, New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Lester M. Bigelow
53 Fourth St., Hamden, Conn.

Sixty members were present at the June 8th meeting held at Cafe Mellone, owned and operated by JIMMIE CERIANI, a former member of the 102nd Machine Gun Co. The principal speaker of the evening was Bill Citron, former Congressman, who told of his experiences while traveling in Ireland, Germany, Poland and Russia. Four reels of official U. S. Signal Corps pictures were also shown followed by refreshments.

The Chapter attended the convention in Hartford and was escorted in the parade by the YD Junior drum corps of New Haven.

An executive committee meeting was held on June 29th with 100% of the members in attendance. Plans were made for an extremely active season.

Sunday, June 25th, the chapter assisted the Hamden Post, American Legion in the presentation of five memorial windows located in the rotunda of the Hamden Memorial Town Hall in memory of the late Major A. FREDERICK OBERLAIN. Major MALONEY was toastmaster and introduced the speakers. There were about 2500 present. New Haven Chapter YD men and Hamden Post American Legion men acted as an escort of Honor to Mrs. Oberlain and her son. On the morning of the same day a bridge on Davis St. was dedicated in Major Oberlain's honor. Although Major Oberlain did not realize that when he designed and supervised the building of this bridge, he was building his own memorial. The windows and bridge are a lasting memory to a gallant soldier.

Saturday, July 1st, the New Haven Chapter presented to and raised a flag at the Children's Center of the New Haven Orphan Asylum at 1400 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Conn. AUGUSTUS CHAPMAN, chairman of the committee presented Commander DILLON who made his usual fine speech and then introduced Major LEN MALONEY, P.N.C., who remarked on the activities and accomplishments of the YD to the children present. The flag was then presented and raised. The YD Junior drum corps supplied the marching music and rendered several numbers during the afternoon. Refreshments were served by the children of the Center. The members of the YD were then escorted through the building and visited the sick and crippled children who were unable to witness the flag raising.

At the July 13th meeting there were 52 members present. After a short business meeting, moving pictures were shown by Chief Radioman Anthony Winkler from the Coast Guard Academy at New London of "Life at the Coast Guard Academy" and "The River," both mighty fine pictures. LEN MALONEY then introduced Mr. William Higgins, local head of the F.B.I., who gave an interesting talk on "Some experiences of a G-Man." Certificates of Merit were awarded to ED MALONE and to the Swan Engraving Co. represented by Mr. Klehe. AUGUSTUS CHAPMAN also received a certificate of merit on July 1st. Chairman ALEX FLYNN reports that the new berets are on hand and that the new uniforms may be purchased on time payments.

Special entertainment will be offered at all future meetings to be held on July 27th, August 10th and 24th. Dues are now payable on the installment plan; see the secretary or treasurer NOW.

It is with deep regret we report the untimely death of one of our members, an assessor of New Haven, RALPH BISHOP. Also the death of ARTHUR VIEBRANZ in Bridgeport, Conn. Both

veterans were buried in New Haven with YD men in attendance. See TAPS.

— Lester Bigelow,
Secretary.

STAMFORD
Commander: George Riickerel
Valley Road, Cos Cob, Conn.
Secretary: Oscar Cinque
591 Pacific St., Stamford, Conn.

Regular meeting, June 5th, in Joseph V. Keefe's dugout in Glenbrook — 25 in attendance — Commander Riickerel in the chair. Nat. Comm. Ed Miller was present and gave an inspiring talk to the boys; said he was much impressed with the progress of Stamford Chapter.

It was unanimously voted to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary. (What? unanimously?—Ed.) and they will get together at the next meeting on July 3rd at Harold Ritchey's home. Some of the ladies now belong to Norwalk Auxiliary.

It was voted to present the "Cub Pack No. 29" — Ray MacNichol's jurisdiction with a large American flag, standard and carrier.

Twenty-five dollars was voted to send two needy boys to camp during the summer.

Some of the members were accompanied by their wives who served refreshments. Entertainment was provided by a hill-billy band, and all declared the evening a huge success.

The flag presentation mentioned above took place on the lawn of Ray MacNichol's home on High Ridge Rd. Harry Dunn of Stamford Chapter made the presentation, and Robert W. H. Scofield, scoutmaster, accepted in behalf of the Cub pack. The actual flag was carried by Commander George Riickerel and placed in the hands of Rodney MacNichol, Cub flag bearer.

VALLEY
Ansonia - Derby - Seymour - Shelton
Commander: John J. Hunihan
Roosevelt Drive, Oxford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul Johnson
14 Dwight St., Ansonia, Conn.

We wish to apologize for slipping up on our news correspondence. Memorial Day activities towards honoring our departed comrades held our attention and a mighty fine job was done. Our Past Commander, Gregory H. Comcowich, was grand marshal of Ansonia parade, on May 30th.

Attendance at the regular sessions are holding their own, and according to Fred Hummell, membership chairman, we hope to better the mark attained last year. (Gardiner Hall, please pay attention.) Plans are being made for our annual picnic at Fort Hunihan on Lake Housatonic, July 16th, and a warning to our auxiliary, we are to settle an old controversy in regard to baseball game played last year. To say we were humiliated is only half of what we are thinking. Practice sessions are in order.

We are now working towards securing new colors, replacing ones we have and a committee is working with one end in view, to have them by Armistice Day. At this time we wish to extend our sympathy to William E. Algren, past secretary, on the loss of his wife, Mrs. Catherine Algren, a member of our auxiliary. Now buddies, in conclusion, let's get behind Jack Hunihan and make his administration one of which we can all be proud of with the same spirit of 1917-18.

— Paul Johnson

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Dep't. Commander: Fred H. Flahavan, 1257 East 101st St., Cleveland, O.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 East 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: George Z. Jackson
1289 West 76th St., Cleveland, Ohio

By this time comrades in New England — at least those who went to Hartford — are at least aware that Ohio Chapter is alive and thriving. Things have never looked better here: the last meeting was the largest attended regular meeting in years, and best of all a lot of new faces were present. The financial condition of the chapter is in much better shape than it has been for a long time and is constantly improving.

Past Nat. Comm. Ed Miller, a recent visitor here, can substantiate our proud boast of having one of the largest and best divisional association local quarters in the country.

A continuous membership drive is in effect at all times, and we have hopes of landing our chapter among the top-notchers. Accomplishments of this kind speak well for leadership; and too much credit cannot be given Fred Fla-

HAVAN our Commander, who has now been stepped up by the Y.D.V.A. to National office, as Commander of the Department of the United States. All hail FRED, who has given inspiring leadership to a grand chapter and to the Y.D.V.A.

— G. Z. J.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

With the exception of one of our most faithful members, Dr. JAMES I. MORRIS, most of the old gang were present at our June monthly meeting. Present were: GOWEN, CHAPIN, MURRAY, NORTON (who brought his son along as guest), "ROCKY" and VETTER. BOB MCLAUGHLIN, a patient at Fitzsimmons Hospital, wrote saying he would be unable to attend.

Mrs. Pedecino told us recently that PAT, also a patient there, is getting along nicely.

"ROCKY" reports that most of the regulars are paid-up, and he and VETTER are on the trail of those that aren't.

TEMPLE BUELL and ROY DOYLE we never see any more; CHANDLER, GORMLEY, LOEB and PRESTON are on the list as "once-in-a-whiles." We need the support and attendance of every last one. At our largest, we are small in numbers, but we do enjoy the meetings. Won't the "once-in-a-whiles" and the "never-any-mores" come and enjoy them with us.

— A. G. V.

DETROIT

Commander: John H. Guittaud
7407 Dunedin, Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: David Swartz
15,815 Linwood, Detroit, Mich.

The Detroit Chapter conducted its Memorial Day services at the only known grave of a YD man buried in Detroit. Commander JACK GUITTAUD and EMIL RAGNA, Chaplain, officiated at the cemetery with approximately fifty per cent of the membership present. Four hundred miles north of Detroit, in the City of Ishpeming, the American Legion Post there decorated the grave of ANDREW SCHMELTZ, a YD man, who had been killed in action while on duty with the State Conservation Department about two years ago. Information received concerning the grave of WILLIAM M. KENNEDY, a YD man buried at Clinton, Michigan, came too late to secure definite knowledge of the burial plot. However, our dynamic service officer, DICK SCANLAN, is on the job and we will know more of the facts which will be forwarded to you as soon as they are received.

At the close of the services they adjourned to the "YD Inn" of comrade JOSEPH CHOJNACKI, (Co. H, 103rd Inf.), where they quaffed the cold contents of a few scuppers and collected Joe's dues. It was during this restful period out of the hot sun that the boys discovered that our chapter has the honor of having a son of a member who graduated from Pershing High School at the age of fifteen years. Quite an accomplishment and one we are proud to talk about to all and sundry. JIMMY BABKIRK, (Hdqt. Co., 104th Inf.), is the proud parent, and we are the proud chapter.

The expediency with which our DICK SCANLAN handled the case of YD man, FRANK QUINN, deserves a great deal of praise. In the short space of two weeks he had performed the task of picking up loose threads, carding them, and winding up all that possibly could be done to write finis to the matter that has been hanging fire for two years. All that remains now is the final decision of the authorities at Washington. Not a day passed without progress being registered by our service officer who, though busy with his regular work, still found time to drive out to see the patient, call on his family, interview the veterans officials, the medical fraternity, study the file, and co-operate with the liaison officer of the D.A.V., for this work the Detroit Chapter has inscribed in their minutes the thanks of the organization to the man who so well carried out the slogan of the Yankee Division to "Carry On."

The lure of "Vacation Land" with swimming, fishing, and summering at cottages is having its effect on the attendance at our meetings. Though we have a number present to constitute a quorum the warmth of the evening and outdoor attractions, plus the desire to escape from all business presents it difficulties towards holding our meetings indoors.

During the absence of our Commander and Senior Vice-Commander who were attending the convention, FRANCIS CLARK, our Junior Vice-Commander stepped into the line-up as a pinch-hitter and came through with an efficient meeting. He quickly disposed of the unfinished business as well as the new and his conduct of office gave rise to the fact that we have good timber in our midst for future reference.

We now are but three away of our usual one hundred per cent paid up membership for this year. We expect to have these others pay on the line before long.

— DAVE SWARTZ.

NEW YORK

Commander: Joseph C. McGlone
27 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.
Secretary: H. W. Washburn, Jr.
677 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Up to July 15, no account had been received from New York Chapter of the meeting on June 30. July 15 is the dead-line (see first page) for the Midsummer Number; the only issue in the year which doesn't go to press the first of the month.

In the notice of the meeting sent to the members, we read the alarming news that one of the pieces of business to be taken up is the election of a new Secretary. The Association can ill afford to lose the services of a Secretary like WHIT WASHBURN. In the lack of information, all we can say is "we hope it isn't so."

BOB DICKSON sends a clipping from the *Herald-Tribune* of the Commencement Exercises at Fordham University, in which the term "Edwards' Parade", denoting the campus, is used — as he says — as nonchalantly as if it had always been known by that name; whereas, it was only a few months ago it was thus dedicated, in honor of General EDWARDS.

LOS ANGELES
"Southern California Chapter"
Commander: Warren S. Jaques
5625 Ensign Ave., No. Hollywood, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

Introducing the new Commander of the YD Club of Southern California — WARREN S. JAQUES, A Battery, 102nd FA, and a former resident of Haverhill, Mass., that great little city on the banks of the Merrimack and home town also of two previous leaders, JOHN HARDY and ARCHIE BRADLEY.

WARREN attended the meeting on May 3rd when the matter of electing a Commander was brought up and was, to his great surprise, nominated and elected, taking over his duties immediately in a manner that proves we have made a good choice.

EDDIE ROYAL (103rd Ambulance Co.) was elected Treasurer, another unanimous choice.

The retiring officers, Commander CANNON and Treasurer DRESSER were given a rising vote of appreciation for their efforts, the lengthy applause proving the esteem in which both are held.

Our last meeting was an inter-social with the Auxiliary with games and refreshments. First timers present were FRED W. POUCHER, (C Co., 101 F.S. B'n.) and H. W. LEWIS, (Batt. F, 103rd F.A.).

Memorial Day was observed as in former years with the dispatch of a wreath to the Washington Chapter to be laid upon the grave of General EDWARDS in memory of all Yankee Division dead.

The annual Memorial Service conducted by Chaplain Roberts, 5th Division A.E.F., at the Third Presbyterian Church was attended by several YD men and families.

Memorial Day members of the Club and Auxiliary gathered at Sawtelle to march in the parade to the National Cemetery and later held private YD services and decorated the graves of the comrades buried there.

— G. K. M.

WASHINGTON
Commander: Joseph Jordan, Jr.
1750 Harvard St., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Raymond J. Queenin
4619 Warren St., NW, Washington, D. C.

ERIC A. ERICKSON, a Life Member of the Association, is now affiliated with Washington Chapter. He is a Treasury Guard at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

MIKE MOONEY, YD Poet Laureate, now of Washington, erstwhile of Detroit, erstwhile of Boston, was a recent visitor at my house; and we had a great time discussing the unsuccessful attempt to make the world safe for democracy, and the perhaps more successful attempt of Boston University to make MIKE and me more income-producing.

Our meeting the night before the royal visit of England's King and Queen was, for some unknown reason poorly attended. Incidentally I saw the royal couple; they made a fine impression, but didn't leave an installment on the mortgage.

— R. J. Q.

MIKE MOONEY writes of attending the Memorial Day Services at Arlington, when the Washington Club, with NATE GOLDEN as Chairman, decorated the grave of General EDWARDS. A friend of his, Mrs. Annie Coates of Arlington, Va. placed a large bouquet of roses and peonies on the grave.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

The Medford Convention 101st Infantry, A.E.F., Inc. formed early this year for the purpose of conducting the 101st Infantry, A.E.F. Convention at Medford, September 8, 9 and 10. The Board of Directors, headed by the Honorable John C. Carr, Mayor of Medford as Honorary Chairman, composed of the following members, after months of hard work have made elaborate preparations for the best convention the 101st has ever had:

President, WINFIELD H. DOWD; Treasurer, CHESTER D. WOODSIDE; Secretary, HOWARD K. JENKINS; Board of Directors, WM. F. LACEY, JR., WM. F. SHINE, ROLAND L. CROWTHER, JOHN C. MCGRATH, PAUL R. FLANAGAN, CHESTER D. WOODSIDE, JOHN J. HENSON, WINFIELD H. DOWD, HOWARD K. JENKINS; Counsellor, JOSEPH T. CUMMISKEY.

The convention will open with a military ball on Thursday evening, September 7 and a bonfire at midnight. On Friday evening it is intended that there will be a fireworks display beyond comparison of any other convention. On Saturday evening, a "Horribles' Parade"; on Sunday, the closing day of the convention, the big parade.

It is the intention of the committee to have all three days packed with activities and amusements for the benefit of the visiting members. According to all appearances, as a result of all the work done by the committee, this convention shapes up as one that each and every member of the old 101st Regiment, A.E.F. should make it a point to attend and have a bang-up reunion with his buddies of former years.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104th

Worcester Unit has filed papers for incorporation, in preparation for next year's Annual Convention of the 104th in Worcester.

Officers of the local chapter are JOHN B. BOURGEOIS, president; JACOB B. KESSLER, first vice-president; FRANK L. BARNES, second vice-president; RAYMOND L. DIVOLL, secretary; ERNEST C. PARENT, assistant secretary; JAMES H. NORTHRIDGE, Auburn, treasurer; ROLAND M. COOK, assistant treasurer; and EDGAR C. ERICKSON, EDWARD S. BIRD, HAROLD F. BARRY, national senior vice-commander; GEORGE H. THOMSON, JOHN E. ANDERSON, CHARLES D. WEBSTER, CHARLES J. REEVES, CARL R. FEGREUS, Auburn, CLAYTON E. SMITH, Shrewsbury; ALEXANDER C. BENNETT, JAMES A. LEIGH, LOUIS E. GODIN, HILDING E. AHLQUIST, WILLIAM S. GILLIAM, HERBERT L. SCARLES, R. FRED KOHLSTROM, Holden; BERT A. FORSBERG and HERBERT S. BUSS, board of directors.

Of particular interest to members of the 104th Infantry is the account of the annual Apremont Day Reunion held on Saturday, May 6th, at the home of JOHN FOX in Hollywood, Calif. John, whose efforts to please as host makes it difficult for others to equal, put on such a good time that it was with genuine regret the party broke up at a late hour.

Shortly after the boys arrived at the appointed hour of 6:30 they heard the clear notes of the bugle inviting them to "come and get it" played by John, Jr., who has attended to this important rite each year he has been home to do it. This time he added the duties of KP to that of musician, ably assisting his mother in attending to the wants of the banqueteers. And what a meal it was. What you can't think of we didn't have, is about the easiest way to describe it.

A telegram from the main reunion at Salem, Mass., was read during the dinner and the good wishes well applauded.

Cigars were passed and the reunion was on. FRANK ZINK, K Co., brought a lot of maps which, soon as spread, were practically covered with index fingers showing just where the owner was on such a time and date. Nothing like a battle map at a reunion.

Before adjournment a business session was held and ARCHIE J. BRADLEY of A Co., was elected President of the 104th U. S. Infantry Veterans Association of Los Angeles for the coming year. — GEORGE MITCHELL.

101st FIELD ARTILLERY

The get-together at Hartford was not so good as far as numbers went, but those of us who did eat together had a good time.

I don't know where all the 101st F.A. men that were in Hartford went, but I know there were a lot more than showed up for dinner.

It was very nice to hear from so many of the fellows but too bad so many could not come.

Returned postal cards show that the following addresses are no good:

Leslie N. Zemer, formerly of Stoneham, Mass.; Bertrand Fournier, "Supply", formerly of Fall River, Mass.; Frederick G. Pendergrace, "Hdq.", formerly of Reading, Mass.; John T. Peters, formerly of South Boston, Mass.

A card mailed to Rudolph W. Eleason was returned marked deceased, by the Postal Department. He formerly lived on Glendale St., Salem, Mass.

A note from Mrs. McDermott told of the death of her husband, Francis J. McDermott (Btry. B) on May 2, 1939. Comrade McDermott formerly lived at 8 Mead St., Allston, Mass.

I hope that if any one reads the above and knows the present address of any of the missing comrades that they will send the correct address to me.

Eric Kent (Btry. A) who has been in Texas the past few years is now back in Boston. He is in the real estate racket at 58 Charles St., Boston.

Stuart Chapin (Btry. A) has moved to Wiscasset, Maine.

— Ben James.

103rd MACHINE GUN B'N.

A COMPANY

Last Man's Club

About twenty A Co. men at Hartford. In the Horribles' Parade, the Handsome Child in the baby carriage was "Shorty" Shabbott, and the one pushing the kiddie-car was Jim McCallum. After removing their wigs we found the Siamese twins were "Spud" Mullarkey and "Dinky" Davis.

Harold Renniken was the sweet bambino and the Apache was Pete Bourget; but the toughest looking hombre was the daddy of them all, Ned Clark.

Believe it or not, Apremont Chapter did it again, and with first prize money, we are planning bigger and more horrible horribles for next year.

'Ten-shun! Clambake and reunion at Bellows Falls, Vt., on July 30. The Last Man's Club will furnish clams and chowder and all are welcome. We expect the boys from all six New England states — at least a representative from every one. "Sticky" Prescott of Bellows Falls is in charge of preparations.

— J. L. B.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

C COMPANY

On June 11th a detachment from the first platoon of C Company penetrated as far as Standish, Maine, made observations, and retired with the loss of but one man, good old Harry Porter.

Yes, we went down there to see Harry middle-aisle with Miss Beatrice M. MacLearn in the prettiest wedding ceremony we ever attended. The wedding took place under a rose arbor on a perfect lawn beside a beautiful restored colonial farmhouse with low green hills in the background. It was a "C" wedding throughout — Undy was the best man, Arthur Jordan put up the rose arbor — and the officiating clergyman was a relative of his — and Tony Brackett, George Morison, Slim Gordan, George Kilpatrick, H. E. Smith, and Bill Harris were also present to cheer for Harry and Mrs. Porter and C Company. It was a perfect wedding, everybody had the time of their lives. Every "C" man wishes the happy pair all the good luck, success and happiness in the world.

— C. W. H.

E COMPANY

We were awfully sorry to have to miss the "E-F" party this year. It's the first time it's happened and we hope it will be the last. Everyone we've happened to bump into says it was a grand affair. We expect to have a report on it from Gilly to include in these "Echoes." Fred Campbell couldn't be there on account of the illness of his wife. We are glad to report, however, that she is now home from the hospital and progressing favorably.

BILL HUTCHESON is in the hospital for repairs and alterations. He had a serious operation performed Tuesday, June 6th, but everything went well, we have just been told, and he should be back in circulation again before long. A couple of "E" men had their blood tested for a possible transfusion but it turned out that HUTCH could get along on his own blood without any "refills." Yesterday we learned that PERLEY WHITE is also in the hospital with some sort of a break-down, which we trust good care and attention will clear up shortly.

FRANK LITTLEFIELD, who was visiting a relative who is a fellow-townsman of mine in Atlantic, dropped in to see me Sunday, May 21st, and we had a nice chat. He looks hale and hearty — weighs over 200 — and it was good to see him and hear about the boys up his way. He wanted to be remembered to all the old crowd.

Here's a staccato report from CHET THOMAS on his decorating of EDDIE BRUSH's grave on Memorial Day. "To report on my privileged Memorial Day assignment: Went over and picked up wreath and stand at JACKSON's on Monday evening; placed them Tuesday morning before parade to cemetery. All hands at salute in uniform as Marilyn (age 9) places wreath (American Legion Juniors) and Stanley (age 16) blows taps, (Boy Scouts of America). New flag, beautiful day, everything o.k. with an object lesson to my children in addition. Should any of the fellows desire, should be glad to have them with their children join us in future years. Means a lot. Chet."

Cards sent out announcing E-F party brought varied information: CHARLIE HERTER's new business address is 239 A Street, Boston. The following cards were returned on account of bad addresses: FREDDY O'NEIL, RAY MIRANDA, CESARE GALLO. We understand FREDDY's new address is 39 Summer Street, West Roxbury, Mass., RAY's is 516 Columbia Road, Dorchester, Mass. If these aren't correct, we hope we'll be informed. DANNY GORTON's new address is 13 Pleasant Street, Valley Falls, Rhode Island.

— R. M. E.

F COMPANY

For the second time in our not-too-old life, we missed the E and F Party. First time we had just gotten married the day before. This time we were laid up by illness. No connection between the two causes. But we heard it was the usual swell time, with differences. It was held this year at the Westminster Hotel, instead of the old familiar Armory shooting gallery, and most of those present said the change was one for the better.

Only about 12 F Co. men attended the Convention in Hartford. Your correspondent, not being there himself, doesn't know who the twelve were. But judging from reports brought back by LEA REDFIELD, BEAULIEU was eleven of them. He had a grand time, and has joined up in the Y.D.V.A. at long last. Others were JOE FITCH, AL DAY and of course, grand old ERNEST KLUGE; or better — grand *young* ERNEST KLUGE. It's to be in Boston next year: let's have 150 on hand. Some plans are on foot to make an F Co. showing in the parade which should be a knock-out.

It is with deep regret we have to report one more old friend gone over to the great majority. WIN LLOYD passed away on the eve of the YD Convention, June 21, at his home in Brockton. Handicapped as your correspondent was by the fact of the YD Club being closed for the Convention, and he himself feeling lousy, notices were sent out to the company, and CHARLIE DAVIS reported that 15 showed up at the funeral in Brockton; more than were in Hartford. We don't now who they all were: but over the phone, GEORGE HUNTER, LEANDER MAES, JOE CICCOLO, BOB CAMERON, CHARLIE DAVIS, CHARLIE STEEGER, AL KUPPENS were among those who reported they intended to go.

— P. N. S.

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The hand of death was laid heavily upon the ranks of the Yankee Division during its season of annual festivity. The only two infantry colonels of the Division, who took their regiment to France, and also brought it back both answered last call. Likewise upon the still-living it brought the grief of near and dear ones to distinguished men of our Association. Cong. and Mrs. LAWRENCE J. CONNERY had the tragic misfortune to lose their first-born child but a day or two after birth. Past Dep't. Commander TED NOYES was forced to leave the scene of hilarity in Hartford upon the death of the mother of his wife Julie.

Col. FRANK M. HUME, former Commanding Officer of the 103rd Infantry, died following an attack of angina pectoris at Houlton, Maine, on June 6. (A more complete account given in separate article.)

Lieutenant General EDWARD L. LOGAN, former Commanding Officer of the 101st Infantry, later Commanding General of the Twenty-Sixth Division, Massachusetts National Guard, died from a heart ailment at the Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital, on July 6. (A more complete account given in separate article.)

Major JOHN L. SHANLEY formerly of the 101st Ammunition Train, died at his home in Palo Alto, Calif., on June 17, and was buried with military honors in the National Cemetery at the Presidio, San Francisco on June 19.

It has been called to DOINGS' attention that the death of Dr. RUSSELL WILKINS, formerly a member of the Manchester, N. H. Chapter, on July 22, 1938, has never appeared in this column. The funeral was held on July 25 (a year ago) with Dr. FORREST DRURY in charge and 25 members of Manchester Chapter in attendance as a guard of honor.

An undated newspaper clipping from Waterbury, Conn. records the death of JOSEPH MEYER, a YD veteran, (outfit not stated). Waterbury Chapter conducted the funeral ceremonies, acting as pall bearers and guard of honor.

Sergeant SPEAR, formerly of I Co., 103rd Infantry died at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., during May, 1939.

CHARLES H. OGDEN (regiment not stated in clipping) died at his home in New Canaan, Conn.

LOUIS FISHMAN, formerly of M Co., 103rd Infantry, died on January 15, 1939. He was a member of Worcester Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

CHARLES J. BURCH, formerly of C Co., 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, died at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Rutland, Hts., Mass. on June 11, following three years of illness and hospitalization. His home was in Windsor, Vt., where he was the first Commander of the American Legion post there. Until retirement due to ill health, he was deputy warden at the Vermont state prison.

R. WINSLOW LLOYD, formerly of F Co., 101st Engineers, and Hq., 26th Div., died at his home in Brockton, on July 21, following an illness of several weeks. He had been a member of the Y.D.V.A. since the beginning, and an active member of Brockton Chapter. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, June 24, from the Hall Funeral Home in Brockton, attended by delegations from F Co., 101st Engineers, the Brockton Chapter, Y.D.V.A., the local V.F.W. Post of which he was a Past Commander, and the American Legion. He leaves a widow and one son. Many more F Company men would have undoubtedly have attended the services had they not occurred during the Hartford YD Convention.

WALTER F. ROTTMAN, formerly of C Battery, 101st Field Artillery died on May 24, 1939, and was buried in Wollaston, Mass., on May 27.

JOSEPH LEAVEY, formerly of M Co., 101st Infantry, died on May 26, at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., and was buried on May 28.

RALPH L. BISHOP, a former lieutenant in F Co., 102nd Infantry, and a charter member of New Haven Chapter, YDVA, died suddenly at his summer home at Guilford Lakes, Conn. Lieut. BISHOP was 45 years of age.

Decorated by the French government with the Croix de Guerre and by the United States Government with the DSC, BISHOP had a distinguished war record.

He was the first treasurer of New Haven Chapter and he served also as chairman of the program committee for the New Haven YDVA convention committee. It was largely through his efforts that funds were raised for the Ahearn Memorial.

For the past 20 years he has been a member of the Board of Tax Assessors for the City of New Haven and since 1932 he has been president of that body. He served also as an alderman after the war and was active in fraternal and veterans circles.

Commander JOHN T. DILLON was in charge of the YD services at the Walker funeral parlors. DILLON was assisted by Senior Vice Commander FRED HIRSCH, JOE SCHURK, PETER GEENTY and ALEC FLYNN. Interment was in Beaverdale Memorial Cemetery. A large group of YD men attended the funeral.

ARTHUR VIEBRANZ, former member of D Co., 102nd Machine Gun Battalion, a native of New Haven, but who has lived for sometime in Bridgeport, died on July 8 at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital in Newington. VIEBRANZ had been ill only a short time.

The deceased was one of three brothers of German parentage who served valiantly in the United States Army in the great World War. One of the brothers, Edward, also a YD man died some years ago. William, the third of the trio, survives. A wife, three children and his mother also survive.

Funeral services were held in Bridgeport with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven. Many members of New Haven Chapter, YDVA, participated in the military funeral.

The following four death notices have appeared recently in "Foreign Service," publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars:

BROVILLETTE, FREDERICK — Palmer, Mass. Served with K Co., 104th Infantry. Died March 29, 1939.

DUGGER, EDWARD — Served with L Co., 6th Mass. Inf., A.E.F. Died in Cambridge, Mass. March 5, 1939.

FLYNN, WILLIAM H. — Natick, Mass., died recently. Served with B Co., 102nd MG Bn.

KARLJAN, SIMUN — Died April 14, 1939 at Emeryville, Cal. Served with 101st Eng.

A man who though not strictly speaking a YD man, or even a soldier, yet who went through all of it with us. certainly deserves mention in this column. Arthur H. Norton who served with the 101st Engineers as Y.M.C.A. Secretary, after having been rejected for enlistment of account of age, died on April 30, 1939 in Auburn, N. Y. His memories of his days with the YD — especially with B Co. of the Engineers — have always been treasured: the boys thought so much of them he was years ago made an honorary member of the Company. Although not especially pertinent, it is an interesting fact that Mr. Norton could successfully trace his ancestry back to both William the Conqueror and Alfred the Great. His widow has sent a copy of the genealogical tree to VERN HITCHINS of B Co., showing the direct line of descent. From himself back to Alfred the Great is a matter of 28 generations: Alfred ruled from 871 to 901 A.D. The blood may be somewhat thinned, as, in 28 generations, man has 67,108,863 ancestors.

YANKEE DOINGS extends its sympathy to WALTER F. KNOX (E Batt., 102nd F.A.) of Meriden, Conn., in the death of his father, Herbert R. Knox.

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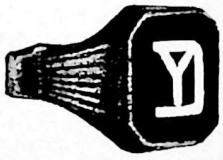

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